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PREFACE

The original edition of this bibliography was compiled and distributed to all Manitoba schools in order to make quality Canadian materials known to teachers, librarians and administrators. Although Canadian materials suitable for some subject areas are still limited in quantity, the publication of In Search of Canadian Materials and its Supplements has proven that more and more quality materials are available each year. [PLEASE NOTE: From the last issue, In Search of Canadian Materials has been treated as an annual and thus the practice of issuing supplements discontinued.]

This publication is an aid designed to assist in the selection of materials for schools. Grade levels are indicated by broad categories; particular suitability is indicated; and, where provided, price and ISBN stated for each item. All persons involved in ordering materials for school library or classroom use should have an opportunity to use In Search of Canadian Materials 1988, which is distributed to all schools in Manitoba.

In Search of Canadian Materials, published in 1978, and its 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1986 Supplements and In Search of Canada Materials 1987 were sent previously to Manitoba schools. These publications are also available for loan from the Manitoba Education Library. Call numbers are as follows:
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KEY

BOOKS

GRADE LEVEL - has been indicated by three broad categories: Early Years (K-4); Middle Years (5-8); Senior Years (9-12)

The coding does not indicate the reading level of the material, as some books are included at lower levels because they are useful as teachers' reference materials. Most of the strictly Early Years (K-4) materials are included in the "Picture Book" category, but other books suitable for Early Years readers can be found among the titles noted as Early Years.

SUBJECT HEADINGS - those used are the ones which correspond most closely to the subjects taught in school, so that teachers can find materials appropriate to their subject areas. Occasionally materials cover several areas; so the title index is useful if you are unable to locate something by subject headings.

SELECTION GUIDE - the items included represent what are generally considered quality materials by educators. However, some items do contain passages which some segments of the community may find offensive due to the explicitness of the text or to the religious, social or political views expressed. The nature of the community served by the school should be kept in mind when selecting materials.

A rating system includes three categories: Highly Recommended; Recommended; Recommended with Reservations. Special caution should be exercised when selecting materials with the latter rating.

The bibliography includes materials which have Canadian content, or are written by Canadians.

PRICES - fluctuate rapidly; and the user should be aware that the stated price may not be the current one. Some prices were not supplied with review copies of the books. For ease in ordering, the ISBN is included for most of the titles.

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ACTIVITY BOOKS

Neil, Francis. **SUPER FLYERS.** Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd., 1988. 79 pp. PB $9.95 0-921103-37-9

Straws, tissue paper, even green garbage bags are turned into paper airplanes, helicopters, kites, parachutes and gliders. Black and white illustrations clearly demonstrate the steps in making each project. Aerodynamic principles are explained as needed. A worthwhile purchase.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4); MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Gordon, Henry. **IT'S MAGIC.** Toronto: Stoddart Publishing Co. Limited, 1988. 92 pp. PB $9.95 0-7737-5149-1

This is a collection of some of the columns that the author has written for the Toronto Star (children's section). Each magic trick is pre-tested; none requires expensive materials to perform. Each trick is clearly presented with information divided into sections: "What the audience sees", "Preparation ahead of time", and "How the trick is presented". A brief introduction offers some "tricks of the trade". Young would-be magicians will find what they have been looking for!

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Irvine, Joan. **HOW TO MAKE POP-UPS.** Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd., 1987. 93 pp. PB $9.95 0-921103-36-0

An excellent "how-to" book for children and adults alike. Showing how to make various kinds of pop-ups for cards, lay-outs, projects or books, the directions and illustrations are explicit. Younger children would need some adult help with a few projects but older students could handle many of these projects independently. Useful at home or in the classroom.

A 1987 Notable Canadian Non-Fiction for Children book.

Highly Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4); MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

ART

Morley, Patricia. **KURELEK : A BIOGRAPHY.** Toronto: Macmillan of Canada, 1986. 338 pp. PB $22.95 0-7715-9475-5 HC $34.95 0-7715-9748-7

See description under **Language and Literature - Biography**

Reid, Barbara. **PLAYING WITH PLASTICINE .** Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd., 1988. 95 pp. PB $9.95 0-921103-41-7

Now we can learn how Barbara Reid creates all those wonderful pictures with plasticine. The diagrams and instructions are well laid out but, unfortunately, without colour they lack the impact we have come to expect. Nevertheless, this book is full of ideas.

Highly Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

BUSINESS EDUCATION

Drache, Arthur B.C. **DOLLARS AND SENSE : THE COMPLETE CANADIAN FINANCIAL PLANNER.** Toronto: Grosvenor House Press, Inc., 1987. 207 pp. PB $12.95 0-919959-31-8

This is a great little handbook full of good advice on how to balance your budget and plan your life financially. It covers savings, taxation, credit, loans, budgeting, investing, insurance, retirement and estates.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Ryce, Victoria M. **MARKETWISE : YOUR PERSONAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM.** Stoddart Publishing Co. Limited, 1988. 167 pp. PB $18.95 0-7737-5143-2

This is a good handbook for financial planning. It suggests setting up goals and how to reach them financially. It also covers stockbrokers, investment firms, stock exchanges, bonds, common and preferred shares, taxes and dividends. A good guide for the beginner.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

BUSINESS EDUCATION - LAW

Greenspan, Edward L. and George Jonas. **GREENSPAN : THE CASE FOR THE DEFENCE.** Toronto: Macmillan of Canada, 1987. HC $27.95 0-7715-9495-X

This is a biography which uses selected aspects of Greenspan's life to illustrate his approach to life and to the law. Portraying an interesting, enigmatic man, this book is recommended for those students and teachers of the law who wish to obtain a better understanding of how the underlying principles of the law affect individuals.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Hewett, Alan W. **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE CRIMINAL PROCESS IN CANADA.** Toronto: The Carswell Co. Ltd., 1988. 235 pp. PB $24.00 0-459-31191-3 HC $48.00 0-459-31181-6

The author covers the whole criminal process in Canada--crime, constitutional guarantees, the court process, available defences, conviction and punishment, as well as the appeal process. A must for the teacher who wants to learn about Canada's criminal justice system as there are few books that do it better for the layman. Recommended only for advanced reading level students.

Recommended with Reservations
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Waddams, S.M. **INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF LAW** (3rd edition). Toronto: The Carswell Co. Ltd., 1987. 220 pp. PB $11.95 0-459-30251-5 HC $24.95 0-459-30241-8

The author, a law professor, provides an introduction to the Canadian legal system including statutes, acts, different public and private laws governing Canada and Canadians, as well as International, English and American law. The structure of the courts at federal and provincial levels is outlined. In addition, court etiquette, court room setting, and the roles of judges and lawyers are described. Appendices interpret legal phrases from Latin and French, and list law sources and schools. Excellent for students who consider studying law.

Highly recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

CANADIAN STUDIES

Burnet, Jean R. **COMING CANADIANS : AN INTRODUCTION TO A HISTORY OF CANADA'S PEOPLES.** (Generations : a history of Canada's peoples series) Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1988. 253 pp. PB $12.95 0-7710-1783-9

This is an excellent survey of the social history of immigration to and settlement in Canada. It points out the similarities of experience across the many ethnic groups who comprise Canada's cultural mosaic. The authors examine the enormous part these peoples have played in many facets of Canadian life. The small print is the book's greatest detraction.

Recommended with Reservations
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Cawker, Ruth. **CONTEMPORARY CANADIAN ARCHITECTURE.** Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd., 1988. 216 pp. PB $24.95 0-88902-733-1

Over 200 black and white illustrations (pictures, maps, diagrams), and text, written for the average interested reader, depict the post-Expo era of Canadian architecture. This diverse selection of significant projects is an introduction to the ways in which architects and planners have succeeded in making our city environments more aesthetically pleasing and functionally effective.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Foster, Janet. **JOURNEY TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD.** Toronto: Greey de Pencier Books, 1987. 96 pp. PB $12.95 0-920775-17-9

Janet Foster takes us on a guided journey through the Arctic with anecdotes about the trip interspersed with historical and geographical detail. A visual treat as well!

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Goldfarb, Martin. **MARCHING TO A DIFFERENT DRUMMER : AN ESSAY ON THE LIBERALS AND CONSERVATIVES IN CONVENTION.** Toronto: Stoddart Publishing Co. Limited, 1988. 152 pp. HC $19.95 0-7737-2230-0

This book supports the thesis that something dramatic has happened to Canadian party politics since the 1960's, finding that the Liberals and Conservatives are more ideologically distinctive than before and are on an increasing divergent path.

The idea of the pollster being a major player in all areas of government policy making is pursued. The charts and data would be adaptable to a classroom.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Mackay, Claire. **PAY CHEQUES AND PICKET LINES : ALL ABOUT UNIONS IN CANADA.** Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd., 1987. 104 pp. PB $12.95 0-921103-34-4 HC $19.95 0-921103-32-8

Claire Mackay, juvenile fiction author, serves up this thoroughly researched title on unions--why they were formed and how they developed, the pros and cons of their current operations, and a look at the future. Variety and an examination of relevant terms and conditions distinguish this exemplary non-fiction title, which embraces everything from trivia to workers' health. Index included.

A 1987 Notable Canadian Non-Fiction for Children book.

Highly Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

McLachlan, D.L. **CANADA-US FREE TRADE : THE FALTERING IMPETUS FOR A HISTORIC REVERSAL.** Calgary: Detselig Enterprises Ltd., 1987. 62 pp. PB $7.95 0-920490-74-3

A good, brief and possibly dated introduction to the issue of free trade tracing the early history of free trade, the change from a liberal to a conservative policy and the modern day implications, in general terms, of such a policy as far as Canada is concerned.

The book would be most suited to the upper levels of secondary school.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

OUR PETROLEUM CHALLENGE : THE NEW ERA (3rd edition) 1985 63 pp. PB $1.50 and **OUR PETROLEUM CHALLENGE : THE NEW ERA TEACHER'S GUIDE** 1986 78 pp. PB $8.00. Calgary: Petroleum Resources Communication Foundation.

In five chapters with accompanying glossary the Petroleum Resources Communication Foundation attempts to make students, teachers and the public in general more aware of the complex petroleum industry. This 1985 edition, an update of the 1978 and 1980 publications, has the same glossy format. The teacher's guide contains objectives, background information, lesson suggestions, and suggested answers. A set of reproducible student sheets are also included.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Perry, Caroline. **LET'S CELEBRATE! : CANADA'S SPECIAL DAYS.** Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd., 1987. 256 pp. PB $14.95 0-921103-40-9 HC $24.95 0-921103-38-7

An excellent collection of Canada's special days and holidays, these "celebrations" are categorized according to seasons. Games, crafts, recipes, poems, stories and riddles are offered in this book. A valuable resource for a classroom teacher.

A 1987 Notable Canadian Non-Fiction for Children book.

Highly Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4); MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

CANADIAN STUDIES - BIOGRAPHY

Armstrong, Joe C.W. **CHAMPLAIN.** Toronto: Macmillan of Canada, 1987. 318 pp. HC $29.95 0-7715-9501-8

This is a detailed, comprehensive biography of Samuel de Champlain. The author describes Champlain's work as seaman, explorer, colonizer governor, and soldier. The frequent references to, and use of quotes from, Champlain's journals provide an authoritative air to the book. The author uses both primary and secondary sources to substantiate his interpretation of the many historical events described in this work. It is well organized, presented in a very readable style and generously supplemented with numerous appendices, notes, maps, illustrations, an index and a bibliography. This work would be useful to support the senior high history curriculum.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

CANADIANS ALL 6 : PORTRAITS OF OUR PEOPLE. 1986 114 pp. PB $8.65 0-458-80030-9 and **CANADIANS ALL 7 : PORTRAITS OF OUR PEOPLE.** 1987 134 pp. PB $8.65 0-458-80310-3 Toronto: Methuen Publications.

Approximately twenty past and present Canadians are presented in each of these short, well written collection of biographies. After each biography there are ideas for further study, a reading list,

and a picture.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Dennis, Lloyd. **MARCHING ORDERS : A MEMOIR.** Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd., 1988. 270 pp. HC $24.95 0-88902-874-5

See description under **Language and Literature - Autobiography**

Donkin, John George. **TROOPER IN THE FAR NORTH-WEST.** Saskatoon: Western Producer Prairie Books, 1987. 289 pp. PB $14.95 0-88833-246-7

This biography describes life in the early days of the North West Mounted Police. The author, an English military man who signed up with the NWMP, describes his four years in the force providing a detailed, though perhaps biased, account of the NWMP, the country and its inhabitants.

This is the period of the Nort-West Rebellion and the author presents some interesting insights into the rebellion and its leader, Louis Riel.

The book could be of some value in Canadian studies and history, at the high school level.

Recommended with Reservations
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Greenspan, Edward L. and George Jonas. **GREENSPAN : THE CASE FOR THE DEFENCE.** Toronto: Macmillan of Canada, 1987. 468 pp. HC $27.95 0-7715-9495-X

See description under **Business Education - Law**

Knowles, Valerie. **FIRST PERSON : A BIOGRAPHY OF CAIRINE WILSON, CANADA'S FIRST WOMAN SENATOR.** Toronto: Dundurn Press Limited, 1988. 304 pp. PB $14.95 1-55002-030-7 HC $24.95 1-55002-029-3

Cairine Wilson, Canada's first female senator, was appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Mackenzie King in 1930, just four months after a successful challenge by Canadian feminists to the BNA Act on the question of whether women were, in fact, "persons". She served a distinguished career of more than 30 years in the Senate and performed important work on behalf of refugees and the world's needy.

Cairine Wilson faced many difficulties in being the first Canadian female Senator, but proved that she could survive and break new ground in a chamber that had been reserved for males. The book also provides interesting glimpses of political life in Ottawa in the period 1920-1960.

The author has written a carefully-researched book and has included more than twenty illustrations, many letters by and to Cairine Wilson, and chapter notes.

Recommended for use in Canadian studies courses and in women's studies at the high school level.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

MacEwen, Grant. **HE LEFT THEM LAUGHING WHEN HE SAID GOOD-BYE : THE LIFE AND TIMES OF FRONTIER LAWYER PADDY NOLAN.** Saskatoon: Western Producer Prairie Books, 1987. 179 pp. PB $12.95 0-88833-241-6

This is a lively account of the life and times of flamboyant Calgary defense lawyer, Paddy Nolan, by eminent western historian and biographer, Grant MacEwen.

The author traces the colourful career of the young Irishman, Patrick James Nolan, who came to Calgary in 1889, caught the spirit of the frontier, and became one of the most successful defense lawyers in Canada. Recognized as one of the best orators in Western Canada, Nolan was known for his keen wit as well. The book provides valuable insights into the lifestyles of people in Calgary at the turn of the century, and includes twelve pages of photographs.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

SPEAKING FOR MYSELF : CANADIAN WRITERS IN INTERVIEW. Edited by Andrew Garrod. St. John's: Breakwater Books, Ltd., 1986. 297 pp. PB $14.95 0-920911-10-2

See description under **Language and Literature - Biography**

Stamp, Robert M. **ROYAL REBELS : PRINCESS LOUISE AND THE MARQUIS OF LORNE.** Toronto: Dundurn Press Limited, 1988. 321 pp. PB $14.95 1-55002-041-2 HC $24.95 1-55002-039-0

A dual biography of the lives of Ian Campbell, the Marquis of Lorne, who served as Canada's Governor General from 1878-1883, and Princess Louise, his wife, who was the sixth of nine children born to

Queen Victoria. Robert Stamp, a Toronto writer, has written numerous books on Canadian history. He began this book as a biography of the Marquis of Lorne, but found that the career of Lorne's wife, Princess Louise, was of considerable interest. By combining the two biographies, the author has provided many interesting glimpses into the social life of the court of Queen Victoria, as well as the social life of Ottawa in the late 19th century.

The book is a useful social history of Canada in the second half of the 19th century and may be used by students and teachers of Canadian history or in courses of women's studies. The book has numerous illustrations and end notes on each chapter.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

CANADIAN STUDIES - FICTION

James, Jean. **THE HOMEPLACE.** Winnipeg: The Prairie Publishing Company, 1988. 148 pp. PB $12.95 0-919576-25-7

See description under **Language and Literature - Historical Fiction**

CANADIAN STUDIES - GEOGRAPHY

Acosta, Joan. **COAST-TO-COAST READER.** Vancouver: Douglas & McIntyre (Educational), 1987. 63 pp. PB $6.95 0-920841-44-9

Divided into three sections, this collection of articles, apparently written for adult ESL students, contains articles for a variety of ages and curricular interests. "People of Canada" features articles on a great variety of minority groups; "Canada, the country", a variety of items of social studies interest; while "Daily life in Canada" includes items from cooking, shopping and safety, to caring for plants, and running computers.

Plenty of photographs, and large print make for easy-reading.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4); MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

NELSON CANADIAN ATLAS. Matthews, Geoffrey J. (Cartographer). Scarborough: Nelson Canada, 1988. 96 pp. PB $11.95 0-17-602672-X

See description under **Reference**

CANADIAN STUDIES - HISTORY

Armstrong, Joe C.W. **CHAMPLAIN.** Toronto: Macmillan of Canada, 1987. 318 pp. HC $29.95 0-7715-9501-8

See description under **Canadian Studies - Biography**

Christopher, James R. **THE NORTH AMERICANS.** Toronto: Oxford University Press, 1988. 693 pp. PB $25.00 0-19-54092-7

James R. Christopher has written about the common continental experience shared by both the U.S. and Canada. It begins in the fifteenth century and continues to the present day. Using speeches, diaries, letters and photographs of the people who took part in events, he reconstructs issues such as industrialization, urbanization, foreign policy, and domestic concerns. Even though both Canada and the U.S. faced similar problems, each country often chose a different way to approach these problems. Although the paths of these two nations are not parallel, they cross and recross throughout the course of their histories.

Christopher deals with such topics as Canada in a North American perspective; settlement and the frontier; identity and nationhood; immigration and nativism; foreign policy in the era of the Cold War; affluence and the consumer society and the women's movement. The appendices list the Canadian charter of rights and freedoms, the Meech Lake accord, the American declaration of independence, and the bill of rights.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Conner, Daniel C.G. and Doreen Bethune-Johnson. **NATIVE PEOPLE AND EXPLORERS OF CANADA SERIES.** Toronto: Prentice-Hall Canada Inc., 1986. PB $6.25 each

Titles:

Henry Kelsey and the people of the plains. 58 pp. 0-13-386996-2

Our Coast Salish way of life : the Squamish. 77 pp. 0-13-643982-9

Jacques Cartier and the people of the Eastern Woodlands. 56 pp. 0-13-508995-6

James Cook and the Nuu-Chah-Nulth. 56 pp. 0-13-508987-5

Our Arctic way of life : the Copper Inuit. 70 pp. 0-13-643867-9

These are high interest presentations which include plenty of first-hand accounts and visual information. Sections are followed by short word checklists, questions for review and investigation. With information on biography, culture, lifestyle, economics and technology, this series is an excellent resource for the library and/or classroom. A good layout and clear, engaging explication, allow this series to present the authors' knowledge and research without becoming formidable or intimidating. It will provide good "entry level" reference material for all ages. Includes glossary, index, maps and charts.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Heron, Craig. **WORKING IN STEEL : THE EARLY YEARS IN CANADA, 1883-1935.** (Canadian social history series) Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1988. 223 pp. PB $14.95 0-7710-4086-5

This book takes you inside the huge steel plants of old to meet the workers, many of them from southeastern European villages, who, seven days a week, brave the gruelling work. Attention is paid to the conflicts developed with management. Well documented, it is valuable in studying immigrant life as well.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

THE ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF CANADA. Edited by Robert Craig Brown. Toronto: Lester & Orpen Dennys Ltd., 1987. 574 pp. HC $39.95 0-88619-147-5

This is a comprehensive history of Canada up to 1987, generously illustrated with photographs, paintings and advertisements. It is divided into six chapters, each written by a well-known historian (including Arthur Ray, Peter Waite, Ramsay Cooke and Desmond Morton).

The book should be in every school library as a teacher reference. While middle school students can enjoy the illustrations, the reading comprehension is at a senior high level.

The book is well-indexed with sources given for the illustrations, but not for the direct quotations.

Highly recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12); TEACHER REFERENCE

Halarek, Victor. **HAVEN'S GATE : CANADA'S IMMIGRATION FIASCO.** Toronto: Macmillan of Canada, 1987. 262 pp. HC $24.95 0-7715-9497-6

See description under **Social Studies - Contemporary**

NATIVE PEOPLES : THE CANADIAN EXPERIENCE. Edited by B.R. Morrison and C.R. Wilson. Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1986. 542 pp. HC $29.95 0-7710-6510-8

See description under **Native Studies**

Sawatsky, John. **THE INSIDERS : GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AND THE LOBBYISTS.** Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1987. 358 pp. HC $24.95 0-7710-7949-4

Sawatsky's book traces the growth of a relatively new dimension in Canadian politics--the influences and importance of lobbyists and political consultants.

In a lively, informative style, the author unveils the careers of the original "political consultants", Bill Lee and Bill Neville, who created a market for their knowledge of the corridors of power.

The book also provides insights into the real world of politics, and recounts the dramatic events surrounding the leadership campaigns and elections of the early 1980's.

The book is a useful source for units on politics in Canadian studies and Canadian history courses at the high school level.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

White, Randall. **FUR TRADE TO FREE TRADE : PUTTING THE CANADA-U.S. TRADE AGREEMENT IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.** Toronto: Dundurn Press Limited, 1988. 224 pp. PB $12.95 1-55002-037-4

Randall White is a commentator and consultant on economic development issues. He has written Ontario 1610-1985 : a political and economic history which has come to be recognized as the standardized text on Ontario history.

This book attempts to trace the relationship between the USA and Canada concerning economic and political issues. The on-again, off-again free trading arrangement has been part of this relationship since Canada's beginning.

After discussing the history of free trade, Randall White discusses Mulroney's free trade agreement of 1988. There was a sense of urgency to complete this deal to protect American markets. Canada depends much more on its markets to the US than the US to

Canada. He then goes on to explain the parts of the Free Trade Agreement, what the opposers to the agreement believe, the issue of Canada's sovereignty, the culture and regionalism of Canada, and trade barriers inside Canada.

There is a table of contents and an index. A timely and well researched examination of free trade. Secondary students studying Canadian history, and/or geography will find this book very helpful.

Highly recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

GUIDANCE

Ducharme, Theresa. **LIFE AND BREATH : A LOVE STORY.** Winnipeg: Pro-Pal Promotions, 1987. 104 pp. PB $8.00

See description under **Language and Literature - Autobiography**

Kostash, Myrna. **NO KIDDING : INSIDE THE WORLD OF TEENAGE GIRLS.** Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1987. 319 pp. HC $24.95 0-7710-4539-5

See description under **Women's Studies**

HEALTH

HOW TO CONTROL YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE AND GET MORE OUT OF LIFE : A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO LIVING WITH HYPERTENSION. Toronto: Grosvenor House Press, Inc., 1986. 143 pp. PB $9.95 0-919959-25-3

How to control your blood pressure, published in association with the Canadian Hypertension Society, is written as a self-help book in layman's language. Each of the book's ten chapters deals with a specific topic such as diagnosis and treatment, life styles, drugs involved in treatment, and how to keep your blood pressure under control. There is a detailed table of contents and an index. The highly organized way in which the book is laid out would make it suitable for use in health courses.

Highly recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

HISTORY - BIOGRAPHY

Goodwin, Bob and Dympna Hayes. **THE CHP BOOK OF FAMOUS LIVES.** Burlington: Hayes Publishing Ltd., 1987. 48 pp. PB $5.95 0-88625-150-8

See description under **Language and Literature - Biography**

HOME ECONOMICS

Fraser, Margaret and Helen Bishop MacDonald. **THE TOTAL FIBRE BOOK : A COOKBOOK AND NUTRITION GUIDE FOR HEALTHY LIVING.** Toronto: Grosvenor House Press, Inc., 1987. 181 pp. PB $12.95 0-919959-29-6

Published in conjunction with the Juvenile Diabetics Foundation, the book has ten chapters, each one dealing with a different aspect of fibre such as the kinds of fibre, how much is enough, where it can be obtained, what fibre can do, how fibre can help prevent some diseases, how some foods are over-processed, and dieting with fibre.

Over half the book is devoted to high fibre recipes. Each recipe gives information on the calories, and grams of fat and fibre per serving. One chapter is devoted to planning fibre intake on a daily basis. Also included is a list of foods with their fibre content.

There is a table of contents, an index at the back of the book, and an extensive bibliography. This book could be useful at the secondary level in home economics or health classes.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

HOME ECONOMICS - FAMILY LIFE

Martin, Elaine. **BABY GAMES : THE JOYFUL GUIDE TO CHILD'S PLAY FROM BIRTH TO THREE YEARS.** Toronto: Stoddart Publishing Co. Limited, 1988. 183 pp. PB $12.95 0-7737-5075-4

A marvelous resource book for new parents, this is an exhaustive collection of games in the broadest sense. It includes hundreds of field-tested play activities, nursery rhymes, songs (lyrics only), and more that "create special bonds of love, communication and caring between parent and child". Each chapter includes sections on movement, changing games, word play, music, indoor games, quiet times, outdoors, water play, art activities, and kitchen play. The last chapters cover recommended records,

television, books, public entertainments, toys, birthdays, holidays and other parties. The book is illustrated with black and white drawings, and has a good index.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

HOME ECONOMICS - FOOD

Aitken, Julia. **JULIA AITKEN'S BAKER'S SECRET : QUICK AND EASY BAKING.** Toronto: Grosvenor House Press, Inc., 1986. 152 pp. PB $12.95 0-919959-27-X

This guide to easy baking is written in a conversational style. Included in the introduction are details for novices to the baking world such as general directions, a list of tools, a glossary of terms, advice on measurement, storage and freezer charts, as well as "first aid" for flops and a list of emergency supplies to assist in prescribed treatment!

While some recipes are fairly simple, others are quite sophisticated and ambitious for a beginner. Each section and recipe is introduced by the author and many recipes end with a "Quick Tip". Each recipe has been developed in Metric and Imperial measures. Preparation and cooking times, as well as the yield, are prominently displayed. Both a recipe and subject index are included.

This cookbook will make an interesting addition to the Cookery section of any junior or senior high school library. The old adage of not judging a book by its cover certainly applies here when the cover displays the most unappetizing, full-colour photograph to be found in the entire volume.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Crowley, Kathleen. **THE NEW LOOK OF BEEF.** Toronto: Grosvenor House Press, Inc., 1986. 175 pp. PB $12.95 0-919959-30-X

Written with the diet and health conscious in mind, this recipe book has been divided into five sections (Power Snacks; Rush Hour Beef; Family Favorites; Special Occasion Beef; Backyard and Barbecue Beef), and punctuated with full-colour photographs of selected recipes. Each recipe has been developed in both Metric and Imperial measures. As well, the fat, cholesterol, protein and caloric content of single servings has been calculated and displayed prominently beside each recipe. The cookbook has been thoughtfully indexed both by recipe and by beef cut.

The Canadian Heart Foundation acknowledges that the recipes in this cookbook conform to their nutritional guidelines which attempt to reduce the likelihood of heart disease by limiting fat content in the diet, but notes that although salt (sodium) content has been considered by the author, it is not restricted.

Although this volume will not stand up to rebinding due to inadequate margins, it is an important addition to the junior and senior high school library for home economics students and others because it reflects the recent changes in nutritional values of beef due to modern production methods, and promotes a healthy eating lifestyle.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Spicer, Kay. **CHOICE DESSERTS, LIGHT AND EASY.** Toronto: Grosvenor House Press, Inc., 1986. 175 pp. PB $14.95 0-919959-28-8

This coil-bound recipe book, prepared and published with the cooperation of the Canadian Diabetes Association, includes the Canadian Diabetes Association's Food Group System along with a brief explanation.

It has been divided into ten sections (Homey Puddings and Cool Pies; Credible Cookies and Bars; Real Cakes and Squares; Fruit Fantasies; Cool Jellies and Mousses; Crepes and Pancakes; Icy Sherbets, Sorbets and Freezes; Celebration Concoctions; Little Treats; Finishing Touches; Different Drinks) which have been punctuated with full-colour photographs of "choice" recipes. Nutrient values have been calculated for single servings of each recipe using the Canadian Diabetes Association's Food Composition Tables. These light-tasting, low-calorie desserts and beverages have been developed in both Metric and Imperial measures. An index is provided.

Although the cookbook will not stand up to rebinding due to inadequate margins, it is an important addition to the junior and senior high school library for home economics students, dieters and, of course, diabetics.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Visser, Margaret. **MUCH DEPENDS ON DINNER : THE EXTRAORDINARY HISTORY AND MYTHOLOGY, ALLURE AND OBSESSIONS, PERILS AND TABOOS, OF AN ORDINARY MEAL.** Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1986. 351 pp. PB $12.95 0-7710-8748-9 HC $24.95 0-7710-8749-7

This scholarly, yet highly readable and entertaining book traces the history and mythology of several familiar foods in an ordinary meal. The author's account also includes some thought-provoking facts about modern food processing and technology. Visser, a regular expert commentator on esoterica for CBC radio, writes with ease and wit to provide the reader with a unique, in-depth look at things we take for granted. Included are an impressive bibliography and index.

Highly recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE - AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Dennis, Lloyd. **MARCHING ORDERS : A MEMOIR.** Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd., 1988. 270 pp. HC $24.95 0-88902-874-5

The autobiography of Canadian educator Lloyd Dennis, deals with his life and education in Northern Ontario bush camps from the time of his birth to his first teaching assignment. Life and work in the bush camps during the depression, and education in the isolated schools of the area are described from a personal point of view. The work and hardship of the camp cook (his mother) is given special emphasis.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Ducharme, Theresa. **LIFE AND BREATH : A LOVE STORY.** Winnipeg: Pro-Pal Promotions, 1987. 104 pp. PB $8.00

Living for others, no matter what one's circumstances are, seems to be the underlying theme of this fascinating story of overcoming obstacles to achieve a fulfilling life. The day-to-day existence, family life, marriage and political activities of Theresa Ducharme, a victim of the 1953 polio epidemic, are honestly and openly depicted in this biography of courage. The black and white illustrations add immeasurably to the reality of this story of life and love.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Gabrielle, Roy. **ENCHANTMENT AND SORROW : THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF GABRIELLE ROY.** (Patricia Claxton, translator) Toronto: Lester & Orpen Dennys Ltd., 1987. 432 pp. PB $16.95 0-88619-167-X HC $24.95 0-88619-101-7

This 1987 winner of the Governor General's Award for Translation is as touching and dramatic as any of the author's fiction. Roy's gentle style, full of feeling, shines through as the reader is taken from her humble beginnings in St. Boniface, Manitoba, to her early career in teaching and her adventures in Europe where she began to write. Through loving accounts of her family life and vivid descriptions of the characters and places that touched her soul, this great author allows us to become acquainted with her.

Highly recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Skelton, Robert. **THE MEMOIRS OF A LITERARY BLOCKHEAD.** Toronto: Macmillan of Canada, 1988. 326 pp. HC $27.95 0-7715-9284-1

In sixteen chapters plus a preface, appendix and index, Skelton (a confessed teacher, reviewer, publisher, editor, drama critic, artist, writer, scholar, anthologist and even witch) gives the inside story of a prolific poet with a zest for life. His adventures in the literary world--meetings with Ezra Pound and Thomas Kinsella, readings with Louis Dudek and Milton Acorn, and run-ins with Earle Birney and Margaret Atwood--are humourously portrayed. The black and white illustrations add to the quality of this publication.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE - BIOGRAPHY

Goodwin, Bob and Dympna Hayes. **THE CHP BOOK OF FAMOUS LIVES.** Burlington: Hayes Publishing Ltd., 1987. 48 pp. PB $5.95 0-88625-150-8

Includes sixteen short biographies, each approximately two pages long. The stories were written to highlight the important deeds performed by Andrew Carnegie, Bob Geldof, Alexander Graham Bell, Mother Teresa, Charles Darwin, Henry Ford, Joan of Arc, Mao Tse-Tung, Golda Meir, Bob Hope, Ludwig Van Beethoven, Walt Disney, Joe Louis, Rick Hansen, Ernest Hemingway, and Wayne Gretzky.

The text is in fairly large type and many illustrators have contributed to provide the large full-page, colour illustrations for each biography. Other books in the CHP adventures series include Acts of courage, Adventures, Daring deeds, and Amazing rescues.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4); MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

MacEwen, Grant. **ME LEFT THEM LAUGHING WHEN ME SAID GOOD-BYE : THE LIFE AND TIMES OF FRONTIER LAWYER PADDY NOLAN.** Saskatoon: Western Producer Prairie Books, 1987. 179 pp. PB $12.95 0-88833-241-6

See description under **Canadian Studies - Biography**

Miller, Muriel. **GEORGE REID, A BIOGRAPHY.** Toronto: Summerhill Press Ltd., 1987. 179 pp. PB $13.50 0-920197-30-2

A book reconstructing the life of George Reid. The recounting is enlivened by the author's recollection of personally meeting the artist and his family. Altogether this is a well constructed, highly technical book which may be used for studies of artists in the senior years classroom.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Morley, Patricia. **KURELEK : A BIOGRAPHY.** Toronto: Macmillan of Canada, 1986. 338 pp. PB $22.95 0-7715-9475-5 HC $34.95 0-7715-9748-7

Using numerous black and white and coloured illustrations, and a straightforward writing style, Patricia Morley outlines the dramatic and tormented life of one of Canada's most successful artists. Notes for each of the seventeen chapters and an index are useful for senior high students.

Highly recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

SPEAKING FOR MYSELF : CANADIAN WRITERS IN INTERVIEW. Edited by Andrew Garrod. St. John's: Breakwater Books Ltd., 1986. 297 pp. PB $14.95 0-920911-10-2

Sandra Birdsell, Neil Bissoondath, Elizabeth Brewster, Beatrice Culleton, Robert Gibbs, Susan Kerslake, Joy Kogawa, Alistar MacLeod, Kevin Major, Al Pittman, David Adams Richards, Carol Shields, Kent Thompson and Guy Vanderhaeghe discuss their childhood literary habits, turning points in careers, personal and/or intellectual guiding influences, methods of work, views on the creative process and motivation to write. The interview method of presentation is most effective. Furthermore, the "Select Bibliography" makes this a useful publication for senior high students.

Highly recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Street, Brian Jeffrey. **THE PARACHUTE WARD : A CANADIAN SURGEON'S WARTIME ADVENTURES IN YUGOSLAVIA.** Toronto: Lester & Orpen Dennys Ltd., 1987. 306 pp. HC $24.95 0-88619-103-3

Major Colin Scott Dafoe, a doctor on special assignment with Britain's Special Operations Executive, tested his skills and courage in an operating room made from parachutes where he saved the lives of countless People's Liberation Army soldiers and civilians in the beseiged mountains of war-torn Yugoslavia (1944). In a succinct manner, Street, a screenwriter and documentary filmmaker (military history), depicits Dafoe as one of Canada's unsung heroes who could not believe that human beings could endure so much pain. A bibliography and an index make this biography useful to senior high and adult researchers.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE - DRAMA

Dyba, Kenneth. **BETTY MITCHELL.** Calgary: Detselig Enterprises Ltd., 1986. 186 pp. HC $19.95 0-920490-63-8

Betty Mitchell was a high school drama teacher and "little theatre" director who was a major figure in Alberta amateur theatre for over 30 years. The book was written from her taped reminiscences, and also contains a thesis she wrote in 1944 on university and community theatres.

The book contains a good selection of photographs, and has a chronology of Dr. Mitchell's life instead of an index. Its use in schools would be limited to those senior high school with formal drama classes.

Recommended with Reservations
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE - FICTION

AN AFFAIR WITH MY CITY : SELECTED WORKS BY MAX GOLDIN. Edited by Eileen Pruden and Garfield McRae. Winnipeg: Canadian Authors Assn., Manitoba Branch, 1988. 127 pp. PB $9.95 0-9693456-0-7

Thanks to Pruden and McRae a wonderful collection of Max Goldin's stories have been preserved. Goldin has a fantastic sense of humour. His dialogue portrays Yiddish culture by use of Yiddish words such as goy, glem, and shikse. Although his stories

can be enjoyed by all, only a true native of Jewish culture can appreciate the nudging of a Jewish mother. The people of Winnipeg can take great pleasure in having these stories take place in their city. A good book for multicultural studies.

Recommended with Reservations
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Alderson, Sue Ann. **IDA AND THE WOOL SMUGGLERS.** Vancouver: Douglas & McIntyre Ltd., 1987. unp. HC $11.95 0-88894-790-9

The story of Ida, a young pioneer girl living on a sheep farm with her family on an island off the West Coast of Canada, would certainly be of interest to early years children. Simple pioneer life is depicted, not only in the text but also in the delightful illustrations.

Life on a sheep farm is very exciting for Ida even though she is always being told she is too young to help with the sheep run. Finally Ida is given an important job which she carries out successfully but not without adventure.

A good portrait of pioneer life which includes fulfilling one's responsibilities to the family.

Highly Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Alexander, Wilma E. **OLD COACH ROAD.** Toronto: Overlea House, 1987. 128 pp. PB $3.95 0-7172-2256-X HC $15.95 0-7715-2279-9

Sadie, or Sarah Isabella, is of a generation of Flynns who have second sight. She becomes a medium for messages from the past when she finds a valuable pearl necklace hidden by a former Sarah Isabella. The story mounts in tension right up to the conclusion with the recovery of the necklace.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Bell, William. **THE CRIPPLES' CLUB.** Richmond Hill: Irwin Publishing Inc., 1988. 198 pp. PB $9.95 0-7725-1702-9

Under the leadership of "Hook", a paraplegic, four handicapped high school students band together both for moral support and to combat the cruel actions of a school gang. Amy and Heather, respectively blind and deaf, are Cripples' Club members as is the story's narrator, George Ma. He is perhaps the most "crippled" as his non-visible handicap is a trauma-induced memory loss incurred during a horrifying escape from war-torn South East Asia.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Beresford-Howe, Constance. **PROSPERO'S DAUGHTER.** Toronto: Macmillan of Canada, 1988. 256 pp. HC $19.95 0-7715-9644-8

Set in rural England, this contemporary tale is narrated by the daughter of an aging, famous ex-patriate, Canadian novelist. Montague Weston has held a powerful influence on Polly and her simple-minded half-sister Nan. In his desperate concern for Nan's care after his death, Weston goes too far in his orchestrations. The theme of illusion and the irony of the creative act as destruction runs throughout.

This work is a contrast to the author's poignant other novels, especially in its British tone and numerous literary references, which may interfere with its relevance to contemporary Canadian youth.

Recommended with Reservations
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Blakeslee, Mary. **CARNIVAL.** (A Lemon Street gang adventure series) Toronto: Overlea House, 1987. 126 pp. PB $3.95 0-7172-2273-X HC $15.95 0-7172-2281-0

A fast-paced, adventure story in which alternate chapters are told from the point of view of ten-year-old best friends Matthew and Jason. The immediate problem for Jason is his kidnapping and imminent murder when he is caught overhearing carnival workers discuss their plans for stolen diamonds. Matthew's dilemma is loyalty to his friend (which ultimately saves his life) versus fear of hurting his overprotective, chronically ill mother who would punish him for his lies and misadventures. Blakeslee's book should appeal to year 5 and 6 students because of her realistic and compassionate handling of everyday problems faced by children, and also because of the extraordinary life and death situation that Jason and Matthew find themselves facing.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Booker, Jean. **MYSTERY HOUSE.** Toronto: Overlea House, 1987. 144 pp. PB $3.95 0-7172-2271-3 HC $15.95 0-7172-2280-2

The neighbourhood children all believe the old Baggot house is haunted. Preschooler Glen repeatedly claims to see the ghost, while his older stepsister Chris denies ghosts exist. Chris is more

intrigued by the suspicious behaviours of Lena, purportedly the niece of the Baggot house's deceased owner. When Chris discovers a valuable antique car on the Baggot property, she is convinced that Lena is a fraud and thief. A surprise ending lifts this mystery above the average.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Brodeur, Helene. **A SAGA OF NORTHERN ONTARIO.** Winnipeg: Watson & Dwyer Publishing Ltd., 1987. 210 pp. PB $12.50 0-920486-20-7

Helen Brodeur reflects on the simple life in a northern community of Ontario with simple dialogue and a straightforward, romantic plot. She gives her story credibility by surrounding her characters with real political people such as Bourassa, and political activities such as the Quiet Revolution which took place in Quebec when sovereignty was an issue. Valuable for senior years students.

Highly recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Buffie, Margaret. **WHO IS FRANCES RAIN?** Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd., 1987. 192 pp. PB $4.95 0-919964-83-4

Lizzie does not look forward to the summer holidays at her grandmother's cottage this year due to family difficulties. Her mother has recently remarried and adjustments have not been easy for any family member.

To escape family bickering, Lizzie spends time investigating Rain Island--just a short paddle from her grandmother's cottage. While probing around an obvious cabin site, she finds a pair of child's spectacles. When she puts them on, she is able to view the world of her grandmother. Involvement in the lives of her ancestors at Rain Island gives new direction to Lizzie's humdrum summer.

Middle grade students (especially those in Manitoba schools) should find this time travel story appealing.

A 1987 Notable Canadian Young Adult Fiction book.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Callaghan, Morley. **THE MAN WITH THE COAT.** Toronto: Exile Editions Ltd., 1987. 159 pp. HC $18.95 0-920428-92-4

Originally appearing in Maclean's in 1955 and rewritten and published in 1960 as The Many Colored Coat, the book is essentially an extended character study. In post World War II Montreal, Harry Lane protects a bank manager being tried for fraud by not testifying fully, but then is portrayed by the defense attorney as being the real villain. When the convicted banker commits suicide, Harry is ostracized by his friends. A flawed coat becomes Harry's symbol of innocence.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

THE CANADIAN CHILDREN'S TREASURY. Toronto: Key Porter Books Limited, 1988. 294 pp. HC $29.95 1-55013-066-8

A must buy! There are poems, science fiction, excerpts from books, legends, animal stories, fairy tales and more--all drawn from the work of some of the best children's authors in Canada. Rounding out the selections are accompanying illustrations especially commissioned for the book. Indexed as well as containing short biographies of each author, this collection is a worthy addition to a library collection.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4): MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Chan, Tom. **TEACHER'S GUIDE TO PIECES : A MULTICULTURAL ANTHOLOGY FOR YOUNG READERS.** 24 pp. 0-920541-46-1
EARLY YEARS (K-4)
TEACHER'S GUIDE TO OF THE JIGSAW : A MULTICULTURAL ANTHOLOGY FOR YOUNG READERS. 51 pp. 0-920541-48-8
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)
TEACHER'S GUIDE TO PUZZLE : A MULTICULTURAL ANTHOLOGY FOR YOUNG READERS. 44 pp. 0-920541-50-X
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)
Winnipeg: Peguis Publishers, 1988. $2.50 each

These teacher's guides accompany three multicultural anthologies--Pieces, Of the jigsaw, and Puzzles--which were reviewed in the last bibliography. For each story in the book, the guide presents the theme, the suitability, extended activities, some teacher references, and a brief note about the author.

Recommended

Collura, Mary-Ellen Lang. **SUNNY** Richmond Hill: Irwin Publishing Inc., 1988. 146 pp. PB $9.95 0-7725-1701-0

Spanning two years and told from the perspective of

high-schooler Sophie Cochrane, the story, set near Vancouver, revolves around three adult and two juvenile characters plus a horse. Seemingly, because Sophie's younger brother Mike was born with Down's Syndrome, his father has rejected him--a situation which leads to Mrs. Cochrane's deserting the family. The children's involvement with Sunny, an unsound race horse, and Olga, a Holocaust survivor, permits the children to find some happiness.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Cooper, Amy Jo. **DREAM QUEST.** (Spirit Bay series) Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1987. 155 pp. PB $4.95 0-920303-84-6 HC $7.95 0-920303-86-2

This book contains two stories, "The Big Save" and "Hack's Choice", based on the Spirit Bay television series. Like the series, the stories are very successful. "The Big Save" deals with human interaction between teenagers and their fears and frustrations. "Hack's Choice" deals with the choices one must make when dealing with friends and family. Both stories read well and would be enjoyed by students. The TV series lends support.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Crook, Marion. **HIDDEN GOLD MYSTERY.** Toronto: Overlea House, 1987. 172 pp. PB $3.95 0-7172-1612-8 HC $15.95 0-7172-2267-5

There is fast-paced action as Meagan and Ricky become involved in a suspected murder of a miner. As they watch the miner's partner, they get evidence that helps the police solve the crime. Also, major roles are played by Meagan's two animals--a pig she's training for 4-H and the family dog. Add a good description of life in Northern British Columbia and you have a book youngsters who enjoy adventure and home life stories will really want to read.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Crook, Marion. **PAYMENT IN DEATH.** (A Susan George mystery series) Toronto: Overlea House, 1987. 172 pp. PB $3.95 0-7172-1610-1

Profits from drug smuggling, illegal immigrants, and forged documents provide motivation for murder! A body is found in the garbage outside the George's family grocery store and then, within hours, another one is discovered in the store's freezer room. As sixteen-year-old Susan George becomes romantically involved with the young RCMP officer investigating the case, she also gets entangled in unraveling the murders and has her life put at risk.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Crook, Marion. **STONE DEAD.** (A Susan George mystery series) Toronto: Overlea House, 1987. 207 pp. PB $3.95 0-7172-1615-2

Sixteen-year-old Susan George, who has a summer job on a ranch in B.C.'s Cariboo region, discovers the body of a neighbouring rancher. Police investigation reveals that the victim had been fencing stolen property. First a police suspect, and then nearly the killer's second victim, Susan learns the murderer's identity and sets a trap to capture him. Unfortunately, most readers will have solved the crimes before Susan.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Dale, Mitzi. **ROUND THE BEND.** Toronto: Groundwood Books Limited, 1988. 117 pp. PB $6.95 0-88899-069-3

This is 15-year-old Deirdre's story of how she bottled up her feelings and shut out the world--a world she didn't want to grow up in. She did only "one truly weird thing in her life and that was a mistake". When she was thirteen, she set fire to her bed and her pajamas caught fire. After the burns healed, she was sent to a group home for disturbed children. Deirdre's experiences there and in a rest home where she has an understanding therapist, comprise the bulk of this humourous, believable and moving account.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Elmer, Martin. **MONDAYS WILL NEVER BE THE SAME.** Toronto: Groundwood Books Limited, 1988. 111 pp. PB $6.95 0-88899-072-3

Fifteen-year-old Daniel Rehsel feels he has more problems to face than most teenagers. School is not too interesting, his father refuses to look for a second wife, his grandparents embarrass him, and an old tramp is living in his basement. However, in many humourous episodes, Daniel manages to come out on top. Daily life for a teenager in Denmark is not too different from that in America. A humourous novel that is sure to be a hit among junior high students.

Recommended

MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Feather, Jean Hayes. **FANNY FOR CHANGE.** St. John's: Breakwater Books Ltd., 1987. 79 pp. PB $7.95 0-920911-31-5

It's 1929 in the seaport community of Famish Gut. We follow Fanny Grace from grade five to grade six, watching as she develops strength in adversity, overcoming her sensitivity to names, and learning to play hockey as part of a plan to turn around a taunting relationship. The story revolves around two themes--there are blessings in disguise, and if you don't like something, you either accept it or try to change it.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Godfrey, Martyn. **BASEBALL CRAZY.** Toronto: James Lorimer & Company, Publishers, 1987. 158 pp. PB $4.95 1-55028-021-X HC $14.95 1-55028-023-6

Readers who enjoy sports will like this book. The two main characters, Brent and Cheryl, are very different, but the author uses their differences to advantage. Their adventures begin after Brent wins a "special batboy for the Blue Jays" contest. Although the story is fiction, the author's baseball knowledge and use of names from the Toronto Blue Jays organization lends credibility. Not only baseball, but other everyday adventures of the two characters keep the story flowing to a good conclusion. Great story!

Two drawbacks worth noting are the quality of the paper, and light print, which make the pages difficult to read.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Godfrey, Martyn. **IT SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA AT THE TIME.** Edmonton: Tree Frog Press Limited, 1987. 109 pp. PB $6.95 0-88967-060-9

This prolific, versatile author presents yet another contemporary light-hearted winner. Michael Hughes, newly arrived in Edmonton, resorts to impersonating a girl in order to get a scoop on an all-girls' party for the school newspaper, securing his spot as sports reporter. He doesn't anticipate falling in love with the hostess. The quick-moving, comical plot includes twists that early teenagers will enjoy. Texture comes from Michael's punk sister, a fun-filled scene in West Edmonton Mall, and the flutterings of first love.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Halvorson, Marilyn. **DARE.** Toronto: Stoddart Publishing Co. Limited, 1988. 191 pp. PB $9.95 0-7737-5216-0

Faced with an unknown foster home or living with Laura McConnell, a part-time teacher and Alberta rancher, fifteen-year-old Dare and his twelve-year-old brother Ty choose Laura. Though Ty likes Laura, Dare (a streetwise troublemaker) chaffs under her discipline and constantly breaks her rules, usually with negative results for himself. The climatic incident sees Dare repaying Laura for her enduring trust and affection while confronting a horrible childhood memory. Strong characterization.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Hargrave, Lynda. **WHEN SPRING COMES.** Toronto: Overlea House, 1987. 207 pp. PB $3.95 0-7172-2265-9

This Winnipeg author has written a good quality romance for junior high girls. The plot involves fourteen-year-old Jenny's relationship with two teenage boys. Throughout the novel, she has difficulty deciding which one she wants for her boyfriend. Understanding their true characters is a puzzle for Jenny. Complicating this is Jenny's thirteen-year-old retarded brother who needs their mother's constant care. The relationship between Jenny's parents is so severely strained that they eventually separate. After Jenny's brother dies, she is able to sort out her feelings and form some rewarding relationships. Junior high girls will enjoy this "romance" with its well developed characters and realistic plot. Definitely not soap opera material.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Hodgins, Jack. **LEFT BEHIND IN SQUABBLE BAY.** Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1988. 128 pp. PB $14.95 0-7710-4191-8

Left with unsympathetic relatives in a depressed British Columbia pulp mill town, Alex feels rejected and lonely. Ostracized as "the Back East Kid", he finds solace in his comic book artistry and making friends with the town's eccentrics. When his cartoon ridiculing the town and inhabitants is discovered, everyone turns against him. A freak storm and his outcast friends set things right.

Universal themes of self-identity and individual worth are given a uniquely Canadian treatment in

this fast-paced novel with unforgetable characters and distinctive illustrations.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Holman, Lloyd. **THE ADVENTURES OF MEGAN AND MARK : THE GRACE LAKE MYSTERY.** Winnipeg: The Prairie Publishing Company, 1987. 31 pp. PB $7.50 0-191576-21-4

Teenage siblings, Mark and Megan, stumble across and investigate strange events, involving the army, near their summer cottage. Some stereotyping is present in the characters--Mark is curious and adventurous; his sister is cautious and fearful. Although the story is meant to be of interest to teenaged readers, it would be more appropriate for readers in the 10 to 12-year old range.

Recommended with Reservations
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Hood, Kit and Linda Schuyler. **CATHERINE FINDS HER BALANCE AND OTHER STORIES.** (The Kids of Degrassi Street series) Toronto: James Lorimer & Company, Publishers, 1988. 111 pp. PB $4.95 1-55028-062-7 HC $12.95 1-55028-064-3

This is another book of three short stories from the famed television series "The Kids of Degrassi Street". Each story focuses on a different main character. Chuck Riley, trying to hide the fact that his father is in jail, finds out that honesty is the best policy; Catherine Peters finally comes to the conclusion that telling lies to cover up does not solve anything; and Lisa Canard realizes that sometimes other people's happiness is more important than her own.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Hood, Kit. **KAREN KEEPS HER WORD AND OTHER STORIES.** (The Kids of Degrassi Street series) Toronto: James Lorimer & Company, Publishers, 1987. 110 pp. PB $4.95 1-55028-009-0 HC $12.95 1-55028-011-2

This collection of three stories based on scripts from the award-winning TV series "The Kids of Degrassi Street" offers entertainment, insight and encouragement to middle years readers. While coping with being lost in the woods overnight, earning money for personal and school projects, and trying to publish a year six yearbook, the Degrassi kids begin to learn tolerance, the value of keeping commitments, and how to be true to themselves. Although the solutions seem too easy and the kids much too insightful, both are positive and appealing.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Hood, Kit. **MARTIN MEETS THE PIRATES AND OTHER STORIES.** (The Kids of Degrassi Street) Toronto: James Lorimer & Company Publishers, 1987. 111 pp. PB $4.95 1-55028-003-1 HC $12.95 1-55028-005-8

This is a collection of three short stories from the award-winning television series "The Kids of Degrassi Street". It includes stories about Connie, who has to defend her case when she is suspected of having "stolen" the five dollars missing from the money collected for their teacher's party; Ryan O'Connor, who feels left out and friendless, but finally solves his dilemma; and Martin, who manages to rid Degrassi Street of the Pirates of Boulton Street and, at the same time, keep his integrity.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Hood, Kit. and Linda Schuyler. **NOEL BUYS A SUIT AND OTHER STORIES.** (The Kids of Degrassi Street) Toronto: James Lorimer & Company, Publishers, 1988. 166 pp. PB $4.95 1-55028-068-6 HC $12.95 1-55028-070-8

This is another collection of three short stories from the "Kids of Degrassi Street" television series. In this book we meet Noel Canard who has to come to grips with the fact that his father, a widower of eight years, has plans of remarrying; Sophie Brendakis, the math whiz who is too sure of herself; and Peter Riley who has all kinds of money-making schemes, but finds out that he can go too far--with other people's money.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Houston, James. **WHITEOUT.** Toronto: Greey de Pencier Books, 1988. 175 pp. HC $19.95 0-920775-28-4

When John Arid's plane touches down in Nanuvik in the Canadian Arctic, the rebellious 17-year-old embarks on the road toward growth. Set between the authority of his uncle, a demanding teacher, and the harsh climate--Jon finds happiness in himself, his friends and his music. Another fine story of the North from a master storyteller.

Highly Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Hutchins, H.J. **ANASTASIA MORNINGSTAR AND THE CRYSTAL BUTTERFLY.** (rev. ed.) (Annick reading about kids series) Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1988. 92 pp. PB $4.95 0-920236-95-2

Anastasia Morningstar is the type of delightful, mysterious person everyone hopes to meet but rarely does. The fact that Anastasia can turn people into frogs (among other things) keeps this witty story moving at a brisk pace. This book will expand the students literary appreciation and give them pause for thought. Well illustrated.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Hutchins, Hazel J. **CASEY WEBBER, THE GREAT.** (Annick young novels series) Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1988. 118 pp. PB $4.95 1-55037-022-7 HC $7.95 1-55037-023-5

The story of a 10-year-old boy who dreams of becoming special and magnificent before he reaches eleven. With the help of a magic jacket, he reaches his goal but must then deal with the consequences of his greatness. He must also handle an older, annoying sister and an adoring, impressionable six-year-old. An upbeat, imaginative book which leaves the reader with the belief that "all things are possible".

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4); MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Hutchins, H.J. **THE THREE AND MANY WISHES OF JASON REID.** (rev. ed.) Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1987. 77 pp. PB $4.95 0-920236-61-8

This is an excellent "middle reader" with a lively baseball setting; likable, believable characters; a plot which suspends and delights; and large print.

Jason, who uses his third wish to wish for three more wishes (more than once), evolves in his wishing. Discovering that material wishes lose their charm, his quest becomes that of finding a wish that improves the world without interfering too much in other people's lives.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Kleitsch, Christel and Paul Stevens. **DANCING FEATHERS.** (rev. ed.) (Spirit Bay series) Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1988. 90 pp. PB $4.95 0-920303-25-0

This is the enjoyable, very readable story of Tafia, an 11-year-old girl growing up on the Spirit Bay reserve. She is content with her life within the security of the community, but in conflict with some values of the elders. Tafia jumps at a chance to go to Toronto, and a pow wow, but worries about dancing the "jingle dance" taught to her by her grandmother. In a warmly told story, Tafia does come to terms with her personal conflict and with her heritage.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Kavanagh, Ed. **AMANDA GREENLEAF AND THE SPELL OF THE WATER WITCH.** St. Catharines: Moonstone Press, 1987. 56 pp. PB $6.95 0-920259-12-X

A story about mermaid Greta and merman Glinka who befriend Amanda Greenleaf, Guardian of the Waterfall. Amanda has special powers which enable her to swim and live in the water as easily as merpeople. The plot becomes complicated when the Water Witch takes Greta to her home, and it is Amanda who must devise a plan to return her friends to the ocean. This story could be effectively used as a modern fairy tale in a unit on fairy tales; or alternately, with its reach out and make friends message, in a counselling situation.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Kropp, Paul. **MOONKID AND LIBERTY.** Toronto: Stoddart Publishing Co. Limited, 1988. 185 pp. PB $9.95 0-7737-5219-1

Via alternating chapters, brother and sister, 13-year-old Ian (aka Moonkid) and 16-year-old Liberty (aka Libby) reveal their attempts to be something they are not. Mentally gifted, Ian believes he is really an alien abandoned on a hostile planet. He confronts his "humanness" when he responds to a classmate's physical bullying with an even crueler act of psychological revenge. Libby, tired of being poor and friendless, temporarily abandons her true values to join the materialistic in-crowd.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Kushner, Donn. **A BOOK DRAGON.** Toronto: Macmillan of Canada, 1987. 197 pp. HC $16.95 0-7715-9515-8

This unique fantasy traces the long life of Nonesuch, a dragon, from England of five hundred years ago to the present day in north-eastern North America. Woven throughout the plot are the themes of greed and hope amidst great adventure, suspense and humour. Nonesuch learns he can control his

size, thus allowing him to observe humankind closely, especially a monk who illuminates manuscripts. One such book becomes Nonesuch's treasure to guard throughout time.

A 1987 Notable Canadian Fiction book and winner of the IODE Book Award for 1988, this book is a treat to read aloud.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Major, Alice. **THE CHINESE MIRROR.** Richmond Hill: Irwin Publishing Inc., 1988. 195 pp. PB $9.95 0-7725-8-1707-X

Appearing in Peter's Chinese mirror, a fish reveals that during the Yellow Emperor's reign 4000 years ago, a power hungry tiger, Shen-ch'i, had threatened to destroy the harmony between the two worlds by coming through the mirror. The Emperor had bound Shen-ch'i with spells which were now weakening. To prevent the world's destruction, Peter, his twin sister Jen and friend Stephen Chang must risk going into the "place between" to reweave the spells. Alberta Writing for Youth Competition winner.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Morck, Irene. **A QUESTION OF COURAGE.** Saskatoon: Western Producer Prairie Books, 1988. 169 pp. PB $12.95 0-88833-257-2

Keri, 15, fears virtually everything on the family's Alberta ranch, but her greatest anxiety centres on riding her tall horse at a speed beyond a walk. A new school brings further worries which increase dramatically when Keri is socially ostracized after accidentally revealing that classmates had cheated during tests. On a school ski trip, Keri is confronted by another opportunity to demonstrate courage when a girl is paralyzed with fear on a steep mountain slope.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Muller, Robin. **LITTLE KAY.** Richmond Hill: North Winds Press, 1988. 30 pp. HC $16.95 0-590-71887-8

When the sultan demands knights, little Kay masquerades as a boy in this modern fairytale. She excels at knight-like skills but the sultan guesses she is a girl and attempts to entice her with jewels and fine fabrics. Kay scoffs at such riches while her male counterparts preen and parade in their finery. Muller's expressive faces in the illustrations capture Kay's determination and bravery as well as the peacock-like behaviour of the knights. When she becomes the heroine at the end, the reader is not surprised. This is a refreshing image change for women--so long to the damsels in distress!!

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Nyberg, Morgan. **GALAHAD SCHWARTZ AND THE COCKROACH ARMY.** Toronto: Groundwood Books Limited, 1987. 96 pp. PB $6.95 0-88899-037-5

Galahad Schwartz, who lives in the jungle with his parents, goes to live with his Grandfather in Glitterville when his parents do not return after a three week balloon trip to herd clouds over the Sahara. He becomes involved in a bizzare happening. A group of exterminators have invented a spray which makes people disappear and they are ridding the city of anyone over fifty. With the help of Quig, a mysterious native from the jungle who appears in Glitterville, he learns to talk to cockroaches and other insects. With the help of the Cockroach Army he saves the city and his Grandfather. His parents return, he wins money for a parade float entry, and they all live happily ever after. This is a bizzare, fantasy story with a far-fetched plot, stereotyped characters, and a grandfather who lives with several others of questionable character. Combine this with the Cockroach Army which (several times) assemble on human cheeks and crawl over their faces and through their hair, and the result is a book which will have little appeal to its intended audience and will certainly not offer them food for thought. This reviewer found it repulsive. [EDITOR'S NOTE: The reviewer requested that an alternate review be undertaken. Instead, readers are advised that this book was the winner of the Governor General's Literary Award for Children's Text.]

MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

THE OXFORD BOOK OF CANADIAN SHORT STORIES IN ENGLISH. Toronto: Oxford University Press, 1986. 436 pp. HC $24.95 0-19-540565-X

This is a comprehensive volume which draws selections from the nineteenth century to the present. It includes a wide variety of styles, themes and settings from Canada's best short story writers. Among the forty-one authors represented are Marian Engel, Timothy Findley, Stephen Leacock, Sinclair Ross, Margaret Atwood and Jack Hodgins. Alongside several stories that have become classics are some new treasures that will intrigue, enrich and even surprise the reader. Biographical notes are included.

Highly recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Paperny, Myra. **TAKE A GIANT STEP.** Toronto: Overlea House, 1987. 208 pp. PB $3.95 0-7172-2157-1 HC $13.95 0-7172-2158-X

Set in Calgary during World War II, the story demonstrates how people during the war had to make sacrifices, and how the involvement of family members in the war could change and affect their lives.

Bernard (Buzz) Bush is a violin prodigy. Restrictions by his parents and some ribbing by other youngsters cause him to rebel, and set him on the path to adventure.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Paperny, Myra. **THE WOODEN PEOPLE.** Toronto: Overlea House, 1987 192 pp. PB $3.95 0-7172-2272-1

A hard-hearted father, judgmental and narrow-minded, isolates his children in depression era Alberta by moving as soon as the kids begin to fit in. The children aren't even up to trying anymore until they discover puppet-making and puppetry which sustains them through the trials of change as well as winning them their needed friends. When their father finds out, he is enraged by their surreptitiousness and the fact that their activities do not suit their Jewish background; but, in the end, he reveals a change of heart in an act of love.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Pausewang, Gudrun. **THE LAST CHILDREN OF SCHEVENBORN.** Translation of "Die letzten Kinder van Schewenborn" (Norman H. Watt, translator) Saskatoon: Western Producer Prairie Books, 1988. 117 pp. PB $9.95 0-88833-236-X

A powerful, pessimistic post-nuclear holocaust story set sometime in West Germany's future and told from the perspective of 13-year-old Roland. Pausewang creates convincing short and long term scenarios which might befall survivors of nuclear war--radiation sickness, plagues, famine, infertility, mutant births, social chaos, etc. The reader's identification with Roland, as he describes the direct effects of the war on his elder and younger sisters and his parents, heightens the story's impact.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Pearson, Kit. **A HANDFUL OF TIME.** Markham: Penguin Books Canada Limited, 1987. 186 pp. PB $4.95 0-14-032268

For 12-year-old Patricia, summer at the cottage with her cousins is a real ordeal. She is shy--unlike her noisy cousins--and hurting from her parents' pending separation. Left to herself much of the time, she discovers an old watch hidden under the floor boards in the guest house. When she winds it, she finds herself transported in time back to the summer when her own mother was twelve.

Through time-travel, Patricia's many problems with her cousins, and her feelings of inadequacy are solved. This heart-warming story is certain to be enjoyed by upper elementary students.

A 1987 Notable Canadian Fiction book.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Powe, Bruce Allen. **THE ICE EATERS.** Toronto: Lester & Orpen Dennys Ltd., 1987. 278 pp. HC $22.95 0-88619-159-9

Various themes, plots and settings are wound around the main character Murray, a writer of spy-mystery novels, who aspires to write something of "literary" worth. He really wants to write a great novel about the North and its people, especially about the legend of the fireball. It becomes very vague as to what Murray's real motives are. Somehow he never does finish his novel, and the end of the story leaves the reader wondering if it is something mysterious or magical that holds him back. We get a glimpse into the world of writing, business and the North. Useful in a novel study of plot and theme.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Roberts, Ken. **HICCUP CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.** Toronto: Groundwood Books Limited, 1988. 96 pp. PB $5.95 0-88899-071-5

The plot of this book centres around the predicament in which 12-year-old Maynard Chan finds himself when he is about to appear on national television. Although we are made aware of this right from the beginning, it is only by the end of the story that we understand why Maynard is so worried, and in between there is a hilarious succession of events.

Recommended

MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

SECTION LINES : A MANITOBA ANTHOLOGY. Edited by Mark Duncan. Winnipeg: Turnstone Press, 1988. 266 pp. PB $12.95 0-88801-127-X

Mark Duncan, a well-known book reviewer and Winnipeg teacher, has put together Manitoba works of fiction and poetry of the past fifty years. Canadian classics such as Margaret Laurence's The mask of the bear and Dorothy Livesay's poetry are some of the selections from the thirty-six authors represented.

The various stories and poems reflect Manitoba's cultural heritage. David Arnason's story about his father and son's fishing trip gives us a glimpse into the familiar islands of Lake Winnipeg as well as an Icelander's love of water and fishing. Di Brandt's poetry and Armin Wiebe's story about farming and politics show the rural German Canadian's attitude towards work, family and politics. Miriam Waddington's poetry reflects the Ukrainian influence in Manitoba. Sinclair Ross's account of his failure to get a proper hired hand portrays the Anglo-Saxon's two strong ethics--work and religion--which in this story come into conflict. Enjoyable short stories.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Siamon, Sharon. **FISHING FOR TROUBLE.** (A Lorimer blue kite adventure series) Toronto: James Lorimer & Company, Publishers, 1987. 136 pp. PB $5.95 1-55028-042-2 HC $14.95 1-55028-044-9

Stars Kiff Kokatow who could "get himself into and out of trouble faster than any kid in grade three". Whether it is accidentally making meatloaf for his school luncheon from road-killed moose meat, or sinking his dad's fishing boats when he forgets to replace the drain plugs, or purposefully cutting his mom's tablecloth to cover his school book--Kiff's adventures are hilarious. His keen competition with Josie, his endurance of "city-slicker" Remington who came as a tourist to Kiff's parents' fishing lodge, and his problems with his parents and teacher will entertain and amuse many grade 3 to 5 students, especially boys who like fishing and the out-of-doors. The print is large and there are pen and ink illustrations.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Slipperjack, Ruby. **HONOUR THE SUN.** Winnipeg: Pemmican Publications Inc., 1987. 224 pp. PB $12.95 0-919143-44-X

This novel, of interest more to girls than boys, centres on a young native girl who writes in her diary of growing up on a native reserve. When she returns to the reservation, after being away at school, everything has changed.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Stewart, Molly. **THE TARTAN UNICORN.** Portage la Prairie: Norquay Printers, 1987. 107 pp. PB $9.95 0-9692276-1-2

The eleven easy-to-read, fast-moving, short stories are unique and different in mood, setting and content. In one story, a carpenter revisits a house he created; in another, a lonely housewife becomes involved with a voice on the radio; in another, the reader sees wedding festivities through the mind of an elderly Scottish gentlemen; while another has an extraterrestrial setting.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Stinson, Kathy. **SEVEN CLUES IN PEBBLE CREEK.** (A Lorimer blue kite mystery series) Toronto: James Lorimer & Company, Publishers, 1987. 116 pp. PB $5.95 1-55028-036-8 HC $14.95 1-55028-038-4

Kathy Stinson's first novel for older children is a neat novel for students just beginning to tackle chapter books. On the outide, the cover reveals that it has adventure and mystery to hold the interest; while on the inside, the print is large and easy-to-read. The plot, wherein three unlikely characters develop a friendship, is satisfying, as is the characteristically Stinson style of realistic setting and emotion. An attractive aura of independence within their juvenile lives surrounds the characters as their drama is brought to life. ENCORE!

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Taylor, Cora. **THE DOLL.** Saskatoon: Western Producer Prairie Books, 1987. 125 pp. PB $8.95 0-88833-231-9

In a lucid style of writing, Cora Taylor weaves an interesting narrative with characters who are alive and believable. Her treatment of child illness and the trauma of separating parents is sensitively portrayed.

Well produced, with good readable print and an eye

catching jacket, the book is recommended for grades 5 to 8 with a wider appeal for girls than boys.

A 1987 Notable Canadian Fiction book.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

TESSERACTS 2 : CANADIAN SCIENCE FICTION. Edited by Phyllis Gotlieb and Douglas Barbour. Victoria: Press Porcepic Ltd., 1987. 295 pp. PB $9.95 0-88878-270-5

This collection of contemporary, science fiction short stories and poetry by Canadians is the second in a series entitled Tesseracts. The selections included are all thought-provoking; some are chilling; the variety is impressive.

Well-known, established writers rub shoulders here with several novices. Recognizable names include Margaret Atwood, William Gibson, Phyllis Gotlieb (co-editor) and Leon Rooke. Brief notes about the contributors append the text.

Although some of the translations from French are stilted, this is a worthwhile addition to Canadiana and science fiction collections.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Tulloch, Richard. **STORIES FROM OUR HOUSE.** Toronto: Kids Can Press, 1988. unp. HC $11.95 0-921103-27-1

These four stories--The dog next door, The ants, Four glass drinking mugs, Milk trouble--are not unique but depict happenings familiar to young children. Beautifully illustrated in water colours, each tale moves quickly to its obvious conclusion. The stories lend themselves to further discussion.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Vogt, Esther Loewen. **TURKEY RED.** Winnipeg: Kindred Press, 1986. 104 pp. PB $5.50 0-919797-62-8

This story attempts to hook children into historical fiction. Based on the Russian Mennonite emmigration to Kansas in 1877, the author paints a picture of pioneer life on the prairies. The story appears to have limited appeal to school audiences because of the subject matter and a fairly difficult vocabulary level. There are always a few children who can really enjoy this type of novel.

Recommended with Reservations
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Weir, Ian. **THE VIDEO KID.** Richmond Hill: Scholastic-TAB Publications, 1988. 181 pp. PB $3.95 0-590-71837-1

This novel should be popular reading with the conflict centring around a brother and sister's problem of getting along, and the boy's fascination with video games. Appropriate language and reading level for middle years students.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Wilson, Budge. **BREAKDOWN.** Richmond Hill: Scholastic-TAB Publications, 1988. 152 pp. PB $3.95 0-590-71843-6

A story of a family trying to get along, aimed at an older audience than Budge Wilson's early books. The characters are realistic, and the situations easily identifiable by young readers. Although the author does not challenge her readers, the story should be well received.

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE - FOLKTALES AND LEGENDS

Friesen, Victor Carl. **THE WINDMILL TURNING : NURSERY RHYMES, MAXIMS, AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS OF WESTERN CANADIAN MENNONITES.** Edmonton: University of Alberta Press, 1988. 139 pp. HC $24.95 0-88864-118-4

This is an excellent book which gives an understanding of the Mennonite history, culture and folklore. Mr. Friesen has written and compiled not only a very informative book, but also, a very entertaining one. The pronunciation tables, notes and appendix are useful particularly to the non-Mennonite reader.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE - HISTORICAL FICTION

James, Jean. **THE HOMEPLACE.** Winnipeg: The Prairie Publishing Company, 1988. 148 pp. PB $12.95 0-919576-25-7

In 1907, John Murray, his wife Margaret and their four children moved from their rented Ontario farm to homestead in the new province of Alberta, where

land ownership could be achieved in three years simply by improving and living on the land. Episodically, James chronicles the family happenings over a two year period as the Murrays struggle to overcome prairie hardships and create a "homeplace" for themselves. Good historical detail recreates the emotions this country's pioneers must have experienced.

Highly recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE - LANGUAGE ARTS (TEACHING)

Schwartz, Susan. **ALL WRITE! : A TEACHER'S GUIDE TO WRITING, GRADES K TO 6.** (Curriculum; 55 series) Toronto: Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, 1987. 104 pp. PB $16.00 0-77440315-2

See description under **Professional Development**

YOUNG CANADA THESAURUS. Scarborough: Nelson Canada, 1988. 553 pp. PB $11.95 0-17-602327-5

An excellent thesaurus with a clear, easy to use format for middle years students and beyond. A keyword is listed first, followed by a concise definition. Related words are then listed with their definitions. An index lists all keywords and related words in alphabetical order. A unique feature of this thesaurus is the listing of similar and contrasting words at the end of each section. A guide at the beginning of the book explains each section of the thesaurus, the information it provides, and how to use it. Finally, an appendix lists specialized words in various categories such as computer terms, space, Canadian geography, music and wildlife.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE - PICTURE BOOKS

Aubin, Michel. **THE SECRET CODE.** (Madeleine series) Toronto: James Lorimer & Company, Publishers, 1987. 23 pp. PB $5.95 1-55028-027-9

The story is about three friends who, wanting to devise a secret code that no one else knows, come up with the idea of drawing tiny pictures for each letter. They know their code works when, having done their homework in code, the teacher does not understand a thing. Children will identify with this book in the grade two, three and four level. Great book!

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Bell, Caroline. **I LOVE MY MOM.** Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd., 1987. unp. HC $11.95 0-88902-292-5

A very good book for use in the primary grades for sentence patterning and whole language activities. Its repetition is very good for children with weak retention skills, to enable them to remember a story pattern. As well, its content deals with a subject well known to most children--their Moms.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Bogart, Jo Ellen. **MALCOLM'S RUNAWAY SOAP.** Richmond Hill: North Winds Press, 1988. 30 pp. HC $14.95 0-590-71784-7

When Malcolm gets so dirty he has to have a bath in the middle of the afternoon, he decides to make it fun. When he picks up the soap, it slips out of his hands, speeds out the door, down the stairs, and out into the street. Malcolm (wrapped in a towel) and his mother follow the soap as it lands in the most unusual places, and escapes just before it is captured. It ends up on a toy boat in a fountain, where Malcolm finishes his bath and is driven home in the sidecar of the policeman's motorcycle. The humour of the situations is skillfully captured by the watercolour illustrations. The aqua borders found on each page, and colourful bubbles adorning the end papers add just the right touch. This is a good addition to a growing collection of picture books and poems about a favourite routine--bathtime. Pre-school and early primary children will enjoy it.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Denton, Kady MacDonald. **GRANNY IS A DARLING.** Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd., 1988. unp. HC $11.95 0-921103-25-5

This book will be a welcome addition to collections of stories which tell of relationships between family members. Young Billy is excited when his Granny comes to visit. During the night he sees monsters in the room which he and Granny share, and strange noises fill the air. He jumps out of bed to protect her, only to discover that the strange sounds are coming from Granny! Pale watercolour illustrations by the author add to the dreamlike

quality of the story.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Eyvindson, Peter. **THE WISH WIND.** Winnipeg: Pemmican Publications Inc., 1987. unp. PB $5.95 0-921827-03-2

The "Boy" in the story hates winter and longs for spring--with its meadowlarks, robins, and fresh green leaves. Wish Wind finally grants his wish. Boy enjoys the season for awhile, but eventually tires of it and asks for summer. In defiance of Wish Wind's warning, he says if he were old no one would tell him what to do. Wish Wind makes him older and he realizes that life can pass by too quickly.

Wendy Wolsak's beautiful black and white illustrations complement this story effectively. The reader feels the strength of the wind as he tumbles Boy through the seasons.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Friesen, Rhinehart. **ALMOST AN ELEPHANT.** Winnipeg: Hyperion Press Limited, 1987. unp. PB $7.95 0-920534-60-6

A small lump of clay in a potter's shop in far-away Greece wants to be made into something beautiful such as the pieces it sees on the shelf. When the potter begins to mold the clay into an elephant, it rebels, and in the end, takes the form of a lovely deer.

Colourful pictures by Stefan Czernecki reflect this artist's interest in Greece and in Old World folkart. Each full-page illustration enhances the story. Subtle changes in detail within each picture encourages the reader to make predictions as to how the story will end.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Galloway, Priscilla. **SEAL IS LOST.** Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1988. unp. PB $4.95 1-55037-018-9 HC $12.95 1-55037-019-7

When Hugh loses his stuffed toy seal, he is very sad. While the family turns the house upside down looking for "seal", the author takes us to Lost Toyland where seal is happily playing with other lost toys. Although Hugh is upset with the loss, he is very pleased when a lost kitten wanders into his life.

This intriguing story is supplemented by delightful collages done in a variety of fabrics. Karen Petkau's use of felt, string, wire, foil and paper, with a furry seal and kitten, help to bring this story to life for young readers and listeners.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Gay, Marie-Louise. **RAINY DAY MAGIC.** Toronto: Stoddart Publishing Co. Limited, 1987. unp. HC $12.95 0-7737-2112-6

This book has won two major awards--the Frances Howard-Gibbons Illustrator's Award and the Governor General's Children's Book Prize for illustration. Marie-Louise Gay creates two impish, noisy, marvelous girls who turn a boring rainy day into one full of tigers, snakes, and great castles. Her vibrant colours and busy pictures along with a rhyming, humourous text will delight any child who has ever sung "Rain, rain, go away..."!

A 1987 Notable Canadian Illustrated book.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Gilman, Phoebe. **THE WONDERFUL PIGS OF JILLIAN JIGGS.** Richmond Hill: North Winds Press, 1988. 36 pp. HC $13.95 0-590-71868-1

This bouncy, lively, rhyming verse is a hilarious continuation of the Jillian Jiggs stories. Colourful, imaginative illustrations accent the humourous text. Jillian Jiggs makes all sorts of pigs, attempts to sell them, then discovers she cannot part with them. What is the solution? She teaches her friends to make their own. Two pages of simple instructions show how to sew a wonderful pig. A must for every elementary library and classroom.

Other excellent picture books by Phoebe Gilman include The balloon tree, Ontario: North Wind Press, 1984; Jillian Jiggs, Ontario: Scholastic-TAB, 1985; and Little Blue Ben, Ontario: Scholastic-TAB, 1986.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Girard, Nicole. **ANNA, PAUL AND TOMMYCAT SAY HELLO!** (Anna, Paul and Tommycat series) Toronto: James Lorimer & Company, Publishers, 1987. 24 pp. PB $5.95 1-55028-031-7

This booklet is an introduction to Anna, her brother, Paul and their pet, Tommycat. Each

explains his/her own redeeming features while the bright cartoon-type figures enhance their explanation. Tommycat is definitely the most talented. The print is large for young readers and the bright illustrations can be enjoyed by all.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Girard, Nicole. **LOOKING FOR TOMMYCAT.** Toronto: James Lorimer & Company, Publishers, 1987. 24 pp. PB $5.95 1-55028-033-3

In this second story of the Anna, Paul and Tommycat series, their clever and crafty pet has disappeared. As Anna and Paul search for him everywhere, they know he's too smart to be just lost. Finally, they find him in the supermarket bakery. After scolding him soundly, Tommycat takes off and once more has outwitted them.

This colourful booklet will be enjoyable reading for any youngster.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Gugler, Laurel Dee. **MASHED POTATO MOUNTAIN.** Windsor: Black Moss Press, 1988. unp. PB $5.95 0-88753-156-3

Kids have played with their food since the beginning of meal-times and Jamie is no exception. Not only does he create a mashed potato mountain, but also trees from broccoli, a gravy river, and a sturdy bread bridge. Despite mom's urging, he declines eating until she appears with the ice cream. Suddenly, he turns into a monster who devours everything in sight. Aguanno's illustrations are good enough to eat and children will love how he transplants Jamie into the lifesize food landscape. The repetitive pattern of this book makes it an easy reader for young children.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Hayes, Dympna and Melanie Lehmann. **FUN WITH OPPOSITES.** (Fun with... series) Burlington: Hayes Publishing Ltd., 1987. 32 pp. PB $2.95 0-88625-142-7

Although this picture book is meant to teach the very young the concept of opposites, its strongest feature is the colourful and comic illustrations. Children are sure to be amused and delighted with the antics of the animal characters.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Hayes, Dympna. **FUN WITH RHYMES.** (Fun with... series) Burlington: Hayes Publishing Ltd., 1987. 32 pp. PB $2.95 0-88625-144-3

A delightful and beautifully illustrated book that children will be drawn to simply because of the pictures. The book could be used as a teaching tool in grade one and two when the children are learning to write poems and rhyming verses.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Hutchins, Hazel. **BEN'S SNOW SONG : A WINTER PICNIC.** Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1987. unp. PB $4.95 0-920303-90-0 HC $12.95 0-920303-91-9

Simple, evocative poetry written from the youngest family member's point of view, combine with colourful and lucid illustrations to give readers and listeners a vicarious picnic experience involving all the senses. An excellent specimen of poetry as a powerful language medium which makes us see, hear, smell, taste and touch with but a word or a phrase. Young listeners become very involved in the progress of the family outing and hush to the language's magic.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Khalsa, Dayal Kaur. **I WANT A DOG.** Montreal: Tundra Books Inc., 1987. unp. HC $14.95 0-88776-196-8

The story centres around a young girl's somewhat eccentric ardor for dogs; her earnestness in trying to convince her parents that she's old enough to have one ("try, try again" she repeats to herself over and over again); and her inventiveness in practising for all the care, attention and walks involved in having a real dog by using a roller skate on a leash! Bright, detailed paintings of interesting interiors and neighbourhood scenes add interest.

A 1987 Notable Canadian Illustrated book.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Khalsa, Dayal Kaur. **SLEEPERS.** Montreal: Tundra Books Inc., 1988. unp. HC $8.95 0-88776-212-3

Kids know all about not wanting to go to bed. The little girl tells, in charming rhyme, how everyone else sleeps--including Uncle Ted who sleeps in the tub and snores as loud as he sings, and Grandma who has the best dreams when sleeping in the car. Of course, the child never sleeps until she finally succumbs to the age-old method of counting sheep. Young children will like the small size and brilliant illustrations as well as the sound of this book as a read-aloud.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Kovalski, Maryann. **JINGLE BELLS.** Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd., 1988. unp. HC $10.95 0-921103-50-6

This beautiful Christmas story uses the old favourite song "Jingle Bells" in a new, modern way. Two little girls go on a trip with their grandmother, and go for a sleigh ride while in the city. They have more than an enjoyable ride and end up in a strange place with their horse and sleigh. The cartoon-type illustrations are lively and bright and make the whole story come to life. This book can be enjoyed by a wide range of children and adults alike. It would be an enjoyable story to read while studying the then and now segment of the social studies curriculum.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4); MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Kovalski, Maryann. **THE WHEELS ON THE BUS.** Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd., 1987. unp. HC $10.95 0-921103-09-3

In this story about two little girls who go shopping with their Grandma, Grandma teaches them a song her Granny taught her while they all wait for the bus home. The children will read this quite easily because they can sing along and the words are repeated. A 1987 Notable Canadian Illustrated book. A fun book to read!

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Loewen, Iris. **MY MOM IS SO UNUSUAL.** Winnipeg: Pemmican Publications Inc., 1986. 24 pp. PB $4.00 0-919143-37-7

Very simple and direct descriptions of life between a young, single-parent mother and her daughter, who appears to be around eight years old. The mother, as seen through the eyes of her daughter, is unusual--but that's okay with the daughter because of their caring, loving relationship. The daughter is portrayed as more mature than her mom in many instances; a topic which will appeal to some children but not others. Detailed charcoal illustrations add greatly to the value of the book.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Marton, Jirina. **MIDNIGHT VISIT AT MOLLY'S HOUSE.** Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1988. unp. PB $4.95 0-920303-98-6 HC $12.95 0-920303-99-4

A curious moon decides to explore Molly's house and quietly floats from room to room as the family peacefully sleeps on unaware. Marton's soft, hazy illustrations support the sense of contentment evident in the faces of Molly and her family. The use of repetition in this book and the familiar theme of home will make it a favorite with young readers.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

McInnes, John. **ASK A RIDDLE.** (Networks series) Scarborough: Nelson Canada, 1986. 36 pp. PB $34.95 0-17-602347-X

An oversized book of poetry, stories, reports and five riddles. Some of the poets--Aileen Fisher, Joan Lexau--are known; the rest of the stories are written by the authors. Illustrated, this book is suitable for reading to groups of children.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

McInnes, John. **TODAY AND YESTERDAY.** (Networks series) Scarborough: Nelson Canada, 1987. 36 pp. PB $34.95 0-17-602510-3

A variety of literature is presented in this "Big Book" designed to go along with Nelson's grade two Networks reading series. The large format provides shared reading opportunities for guided and collaborative learning. Illustrations are colourful and dramatic. Two stories, a report on dinosaurs, an action song about making ice cream, a set of instructions on making hand puppets, and a poem are all presented here.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Monton, Sofia. **JAY'S ANIMALS AND PEOPLE.** Norwood, ON: S. Monton, 1984. 51 pp. HC $14.35 0-

9691764-0-6

This little book is a collection of remembrances of conversations between a growing boy and an adult. The conversations were sparked by line drawings originated by the child, and the pictures and words were put into context by the adult in retrospect. The result is a very attractive book, carefully colour coded and imaginative. The collection of brief conversations capture the curiousity of a child attempting to make sense of the world. Students should enjoy the pictures and conversations for their own sake, but may also wish to use them as models for their own "I wonder why..." stories.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Muir, Stephen and Mary Jane Muir. **ALBERT'S OLD SHOES.** Richmond Hill: North Winds Press, 1987. 32 pp. HC $14.95 0-590-71378-7

Albert hates his old shoes and he hates being teased about them. One day, in his anger, he kicks a soccer ball over a fence and immediately is invited to join the team. Suddenly, "ugly, scuffed-up, funny-looking, old brown shoes" are popular with everyone. By the end of the story, Albert has made many new friends and has a wonderful new pair of running shoes, as well.

Humourous coloured pencil drawings by Mary Jane Muir bring each charming porcine character in the story alive. A great read-aloud for primary classes.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Munsch, Robert N. **ANGELA'S AIRPLANE.** (Munsch for kids series) Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1988. unp. PB $4.95 1-55037-026-X HC $12.95 1-55037-027-8

When her father gets lost at the airport, 5-year-old Angela finds her way into the cockpit of a small plane and presses the right buttons to take off. After a brief skyward adventure, she is eventually talked into a landing. The plane is destroyed but Angela is unscathed by this adventure. Angela promises never to fly another airplane, but the book concludes with her growing up to be a pilot.

This is a revised text of the original Annikin edition, with some slight changes evident. It remains Munsch, however, and is a crowd pleaser. Michael Marchenko's vivid, humourous illustrations are the same as in the first edition and complement the text wonderfully.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Munsch, Robert. **MOIRA'S BIRTHDAY.** (Munsch for kids series) Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1987. unp. PB $4.95 0-920303-83-8 HC $12.95 0-920303-85-4

Every child who has wanted to invite the whole class to a birthday party, and every parent who knows that child, will enjoy this book. Moira wants to ask the whole school to her party, and by the end of the day she has done just that! As one might expect, the crowd takes over the house and devours an astounding array of food, including "old cheese, baked fleas, boiled bats, and beans".

One hundred and ninety-eight pizzas and one hundred and ninety-eight birthday cakes (delivered after the guests have gone) further complicate the plot, until Moira announces that she will invite everyone back the next day.

Robert Munsch's usual blend of zany, but believable characters, and colourful language will appeal to his fans once again.

Full-page, brightly-coloured illustrations by Michael Martchenko help to tell the story beautifully.

A 1987 Notable Canadian Illustrated book.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Munsch, Robert and Michael Kusugak. **A PROMISE IS A PROMISE.** Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1988. unp. PB $4.95 1-55037-008-1 HC $12.95 1-55037-009-X

Robert Munsch fans will find this work quite different from his usual fun-filled children's stories. The theme, as the title suggests, is--a promise, once made, must be kept.

Allashua, a young Inuit girl, goes to the sea ice to fish, ignoring her mother's warning against it. The sea creatures known as Qallupilluit capture her. A Qallupilluit is an imaginary troll-like creature invented by Inuit parents as a means of keeping their children away from the dangerous sea ice. Michael Arvaarluk Kusugak made up a story about sea creatures and shared it with Robert Munsch; this wonderful book is the result of their collaboration.

Illustrations by Vladyana Krykorka are exceptional and add immeasurably to the story. Each character comes to life through her imaginative drawings.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Nelson, Audrey. **MICHAEL'S SATURDAY SURPRISE.** Windsor: Black Moss Press, 1988. unp. PB $5.95 0-88753-166-0

Michael has a great time going fishing with his older brother Bryan every Saturday. He is disappointed, however, when he catches only tin cans and seaweed while Bryan catches fish--enough for supper. Michael learns a valuable lesson when he decides to stop daydreaming while fishing and take time out to see why Bryan is successful. Copying his brother's tactics, Michael is surprised to catch a fish--one so large it is enough for three or four suppers.

The drawings are cartoon-like, bright and attractive, corresponding very well with the text. Each page has a large illustration at the top and large, easy-to-read text at the bottom. This book could be used as a discussion starter for family roles in primary social studies.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Newton-White, Muriel E. **HAPPY AND HOPPY THE KITTY-SITTERS.** Cobalt: The Highway Book Shop, 1988. 29 pp. PB $6.95 0-88954-318-6

Although the print is large for reading, some children who were just learning to read had difficulty in recognizing a few letters because of the fancy print.

The story is about two rabbits, Hoppy and Happy, who think they are kitty-sitting six kittens but actually are kitty-sitting six baby skunks. The reader is kept in suspense until the end to see what will happen when mother skunk shows up.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Oberman, Sheldon. **JULIE GEROND AND THE POLKA DOT PONY.** Winnipeg: Hyperion Press Limited, 1988. unp. PB $7.95 0-920534-70-8

Any child who has fantasized about merry-go-round ponies coming to life will enjoy Sheldon Oberman's tale of an enchanted horse returned to life and freedom by a determined and adventurous Julie. A plus for young children is that the story has been set to music by Winnipeg's own Fred Penner and is available on record and tape.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Pare, Roger. **CIRCUS DAYS.** Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1988. unp. PB $4.95 1-55037-020-0 HC $12.95 1-55037-021-9

For children, the circus is a magical place where the antics of clowns are probably the most attractive part of the show. David Hamel's hilarious depiction of clowns and animals highlight this very brief poetic look at the circus. Pare and Gauthier's poem, although not always poetic in its translated form, describes some of the antics of clowns and animals in a most appealing way. Large print will assist early readers in their quest to read this delightful picture book.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Penner, Fred. **ROLLERSKATING.** Winnipeg: Hyperion Press Limited, 1987. unp. PB $7.95 0-920534-64-3

A small boy finds his father's old roller skates and proceeds to learn to skate on them. However, before he is experienced, he tries a steep hill and cannot stop on it. After his fall (and being comforted by his mom) he knows that the next time he must skate where he is capable of doing it. As with other Fred Penner stories, this one is set to music; the music lyrics are included at the back of the book. Rollerskating, beautifully illustrated by Barbara Hicks, could be enjoyed by children studying families in grades one and two.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Poe, Edgar Allan. **ANNABEL LEE.** Montreal: Tundra Books Inc., 1987. unp. PB $6.95 0-88776-230-1 HC $19.95 0-88776-200-X

Edgar Allan Poe's classic poem of love and death is beautifully illustrated in Gilles Tibo's dramatic representations. He captures the spirit of Poe's children playing, exploring and, finally, being torn apart by the chilling wind which killed Annabel Lee. Tibo sets the scene in the 30's on the Gaspe Peninsula of his native Quebec. Because of mature content, this book is more suitable for an upper elementary through adult audience.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (10-12)

Poulin, Stephane. **CAN YOU CATCH JOSEPHINE?** Montreal: Tundra Books Inc., 1987. unp. PB $5.95 0-88776-214-X HC $12.95 0-88776-198-4

In this sequel to Have you seen Josephine?, we find a delightful romp through a two-story Montreal school of vintage architecture. Children can

identify with school rules being broken and enjoy a delicious sense of relief in the surprise ending in the principal's office. Illustrations are captivating, with full page masterpieces on canvas and smaller black and white sketches on the print side of the page to fill in more details of plot. A 1987 Notable Canadian Illustrated book.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Poulin, Stephane. **COULD YOU STOP JOSEPHINE?** Montreal: Tundra Books Inc., 1988. unp. PB $5.95 0-88776-227-1 HC $12.95 0-88776-216-6

In this third book about Daniel and his cat Josephine, father takes Daniel to the country to visit his cousins for a birthday treat. Josephine hides in the trunk and is spotted by the farm dog. A merry chase ensues, and by the time Josephine is caught, the birthday picnic is almost over. She escapes again and is found with the farm dog and cat eating the remains of the meal. Along with the excitement of the chase, the children will sense the warmth of the family and the flavour of a Quebec farm. Probably they will notice the absence of Daniel's mother. Full-page paintings alternate with text, and black and white drawings. Details in both are very realistic and several aerial "shots" add an interesting perspective. This book would fit into several units at the primary level--families, farms, Quebec, pets or birthdays. It is also an appealing story to read "just for fun".

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Quinlan, Patricia. **PLANTING SEEDS.** Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1988. unp. PB $4.95 1-55037-006-5 HC $12.95 1-55037-007-3

This book deals with the theme of nuclear war through a child's perspective. Rachel is worried about bombs. Her mother and father try to deal with her fears by explaining how nations must learn to do things that Rachel can do, such as talking to her brother instead of fighting with him, and looking after God's creatures. Because making food, not war, is so very important, Rachel's garden gives her a feeling of comfort.

This is a wonderful story to read to a young child concerned about nuclear war as well as giving parents and teachers some ideas about how to approach this discussion in a positive ways. The book is rounded out with colourful illustrations, easy-to-read text, and a bibliography listing titles concerning conflict resolution.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Rankin, Phoebe. **MY FAMILY ALL TOGETHER.** (You and me big books series) Scarborough: Nelson Canada, 1986. 35 pp. PB $34.95 0-17-602096-9

Designed to help children explore their identity and the community around them, this series creates new contexts for language development. It examines how different families live, dress and eat; and at the same time, demonstrates the kinds of things a family does for its members. Available in small book format at $5.95.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Rankin, Phoebe. **MY FAMILY AND ME.** (You and me big books series) Scarborough: Nelson Canada, 1986. 35 pp. PB $34.95 0-17-602097-7

Brothers and sisters fight, parents say, "Don't!", and families move. The poetry in this big book deals with common family situations from both the serious and the humourous sides. The essence of each poem is carried through in the excellent illustrations showing families of various types and ethnic backgrounds. The format of the book lends itself to becoming a good vehicle for discussion and enjoyment of all kinds of families. Ties in nicely with the primary social studies curriculum.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Rankin, Phoebe. **MY FAMILY, YOUR FAMILY.** (You and me big books series) Scarborough: Nelson Canada, 1986. 35 pp. PB $34.95 0-17-602095-0

An oversized book of poetry containing a number of poems, each illustrated by a different artist. The poems, including one by Jack Prelutsky, are suitable for preschoolers as well as beginning readers.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Reid, Barbara. **SING A SONG OF MOTHER GOOSE.** Richmond Hill: North Winds Press, 1987. unp. HC $12.75 0-590-71781-2

Barbara Reid has combined favourite traditional nursery rhymes with her very modern use of plasticine illustrations. The result is a book to be treasured. Using top and bottom borders of white lattice entwined with vines on each page, she skillfully adds characters and objects from the rhyme (usually one per page). The bottom lattice

cleverly serves as a fence, a bench, a floor, the ground or a table. The top, in addition, is used to hang objects, or serve as a backdrop. The characters are superb! They are dressed in old-fashioned clothing, and are expressive and full of action. The objects are exquisite! Tiny and detailed, they capture the flavour of the past. A few additions such as a real gold chain for a locket, and pins for a pin cushion make them even more realistic. Even the page numbers and the title are done in plasticine.

The rhymes are printed in large, bold type suitable for independent readers.

This would be a first choice purchase for an elementary school library.

A 1987 Notable Canadian Illustrated book.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Rees, Mary. **TEN IN A BED.** Toronto: Stoddart Publishing Co. Limited, 1988. unp. HC $14.95 0-7737-2189-4

Mary Rees's version of this much sung song will be greeted with delight by primary children. The repetitive pattern makes it easy reading even for beginners. Rees's drawings are full of action--we see each child start his day after being pushed out of bed by a not very angelic "Little One". Her cat, dog, and wind-up mouse are reminiscent of Mercer Mayer's work in the way children will search for them page after page. Finally, when the Little One is alone in the bed, the other nine return in true sibling style to get even.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Richard, Nancy Wilcox. **FARMER JOE'S HOT DAY.** Richmond Hill: North Winds Press, 1987. 24 pp. HC $11.15 0-590-71717-0

When Farmer Joe becomes too hot working in the field, he comes to his wife for help. In response to his query, "What should I do?", she advises him to wear an additional item of clothing each day. Finally, after several days of adding clothing, he prepares to go to the field completely dressed for winter. His wife now advises him to remove all the extra clothing, and he subsequently never complains again. Illustrations of the wife are particularly delightful. Not only can she flip pancakes and pour coffee at the same time, but she also fixes the car and solves problems.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Saltman, Judith. **GOLDIE AND THE SEA.** Toronto: Groundwood Books Limited, 1987. unp. HC $11.95 0-88899-060-X

In order to draw the sea, Goldie feels she must see it first. So she sets out with her parrot, Jake, and her cat, Foss. Along the way they meet a young boy and then an old woman. Each tries to persuade Goldie not to continue--"You'll not like it," says the woman, "it hisses like a million angry cats." Finally, with the help of an old peddler, they reach their destination and Goldie revels in the sights, sounds and smells of the ocean. At home once again, she is finally able to capture it all with paper and brush--a satisyfing conclusion to the story. Kim LaFave's sensitive watercolour illustrations help tell the story.

A 1987 Notable Canadian Illustrated book.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Schein, Jonah. **FORGET-ME-NOT.** (Books by kids series) Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1988. unp. PB $4.95 1-55037-000-6 HC $12.95 1-55037-001-4

The title alludes to the flowers which the grandson/narrator gathers for his grandmother, the Alzheimer's disease which she suffers from, and the lasting memory that grandson keeps of his grandmother (even though she might not have been "the sort of grandmother that most children hope for"). The author, who writes from first-hand experience of a family adjusting to Alzheimer's, is only 14 years old. His style, in writing and illustration, is both well wrought and honest. A fine example of biographical writing in this promising new series.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4); MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Shipley, Robert. **THE GIRL WHO GOT STUCK IN THE MUD.** St. Catharines: Moonstone Press, 1987. unp. PB $4.95 0-920259-14-6

The story's strongest feature is its theme which points out to children that things are not always the way they seem. Imaginative characters such as a leaf and an umbrella give differing versions of the same event. Nonsense words and lively illustrations enhance the story.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Simmie, Lois. **WHAT HOLDS UP THE MOON?.** Regina: Coteau Books/Thunder Creek Co-op, 1987. unp. PB $6.95 0-919926-70-3 HC $13.95 0-919926-71-1

You could purchase this large format picture book for the coloured pencil drawings alone; however, the poem is excellent as well!

Characters answer young Roberta's question, "What holds up the moon?", from their own point of view. The carpenter suggests "nails", and the dressmaker "stitches"; the sea and some creatures respond in their own manner.

Finally, at home in her bath with her cats about, the heroine concludes that she is not alone in not knowing.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Staunton, Ted. **PUDDLEMAN.** Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd., 1988. unp. HC $10.95 0-921103-52-2

This delightful book will be enjoyed by anyone who has a small boy who likes mud, or who remembers playing in it. Michael, to the chagrin of his brother and neighbours, mixes up a muddy mess in his sandbox and jumps in. Out comes a muddy monster who doesn't become a boy again until his desire for a peanut butter sandwich overwhelms him. Once cleaned up, Michael finds life boring and is enticed again--this time into his friends' sandbox. This story, beautifully illustrated by Brenda Clark, will be enjoyed by young readers.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Thompson, Richard. **FOO.** (The Jesse adventures series) Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1988. unp. $4.95 1-55037-004-9 HC $12.95 1-55037-005-7

In another of the Jesse books, Richard Thompson delights the sun, the moon, and especially Jesse's mom and dad with her floating kisses blown with a "foo" from Jessie's hand. The kisses are depicted by Eugenie Fernandes as tiny,tender hearts. When Jesse's mom must reluctantly go to dance class, Jesse foos two special kisses after her. The kisses wend their way across town, suddenly enlivening her mom's dancing. Finally, mom returns the kisses to Jesse, fast asleep in bed. A good book for creating a warm, caring feeling in your classroom.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Thompson, Richard. **I HAVE TO SEE THIS.** (The Jesse adventures series) Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1988 unp. PB $4.95 1-55037-014-6 HC $12.95 1-55037-015-4

Jesse goes for a walk on a wintry night with her dad. From her position on her father's shoulders she sees many wonderful sights. When she tells her dad, he replies, "I have to see this!" and tries to climb up high enough to see her visions. As they return home, Jesse is sorry her dad can't see what she sees and suggests he may dream about them--and he does. This enjoyable story of a small girl and her relationship with her father will be enjoyed by many, and would be useful in grade one and two social studies.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Thompson, Richard. **SKY FULL OF BABIES.** (The Jesse adventures series) Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1987. unp. PB $4.95 0-920303-92-7 HC $12.95 0-920303-93-5

Jesse creates a spaceship and then whisks her father off to space where they observe a sky full of babies, dads and moms. Everyone floats happily in space until a lullaby drifts through the air. Then each baby is held by a loving mom or dad and gently cuddled to sleep. Dad falls asleep and is zoomed home by Jesse. Eugenie Fernandes' illustrations convey the caring between babies and parents, and are a nice complement to Thompson's story of positive family relationships.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Thomsen, Airdrie. **THE GIFT ANGEL.** Toronto: Stoddart Publishing Co. Limited, 1987. unp. HC $12.95 0-7737-2146-0

For the collector of alphabet books, this book is a series of beautifully illustrated angels dancing, fishing, and riding on elephants. The black and white illustrations are finely detailed, and each page is bordered by pastel line drawings. Some of the alphabet connections are not very clear, such as "I is for Angels in Love", which may be confusing for young children.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Tibo, Gilles. **SIMON AND THE SNOWFLAKES.** Montreal: Tundra Books Inc., 1988. unp. HC $9.95 0-88776-218-2

Although he is unable to count the snowflakes, the stars, or the lights in a city, Simon is able to count his friends. The love of birds and forest creatures is strong, as is Simon's desire to count things.

Tibo's air-brush illustrations, similar in style to those he did for Annabel Lee, provide a fascinating study of a small boy playing in the snow, and of animals and birds. Children are entranced by the pictures.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Wayne von Konigslow, Andrea. **A TAIL BETWEEN TWO CITIES.** Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1987. unp. PB $4.95 0-920303-94-3 HC $12.95 0-920303-95-1

The tail within the title of this book actually refers to the one which belongs to a huge cat which comes to occupy the hearts and imaginations of the children in the story. Feeding and entertaining this gigantic new pet fills their summer at the playground. When the school bell rings in the fall the children wonder if she will leave.

Full-page, colour illustrations by the author/illustrator are a nice complement to the story. One of the children in the story appears in a wheelchair--a positive portrayal of a child with special needs who is "one of the group".

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Wheeler, Bernelda. **WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR MOCCASINS?** Winnipeg: Pemmican Publications Inc., 1986. unp. PB $5.75 0-919143-15-6

Bernelda Wheeler has written another delightful, "predictable" book for young readers. In this story, Jody's friends admire his new moccasins. "My Kookum made them," he proudly tells them. This of course leads to queries which, when revealed, tell of the making of the shoes.

The ending is humourous and unexpected.

Herman Bekkering's black and white illustrations beautifully depict children from a variety of cultures. Dreamlike scenes within the pictures allow us to "see" Grandmother with the hide, and the deer in the forest.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Williamson, Ethel. **THE LITTLE SEAMSTRESS.** St. Catharines: Moonstone Press, 1987. 23 pp. PB $4.95 0-920259-13-8

This pioneer Christmas story takes place in an isolated mining town where a young girl comes to live with her grandmother following the death of her parents. Astra takes on the seamstress work previously done by the aging woman whose health is failing.

One day a tiny man appears, requesting the making of a very special suit "for my master". The materials--rich velvet and soft white fur--are taken from a locked trunk. Of course, the mysterious master is none other than Santa Claus.

Unfortunately, the illustrations for this book lack enthusiasm and fail to add to the development of an otherwise acceptable story.

Recommended with Reservations
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE - POETRY

Beardsley, Doug. **A DANCING STAR.** Saskatoon: Thistledown Press, 1988. 93 pp. PB $9.95 0-920633-43-9 HC $22.00 0-920633-42-0

Beardsley is a sensitive, knowledgeable poet. He produces poetry from the pain of living. He can take the most insignificant article, such as a swinging door, and give it life. His poetry also reflects on the people with whom he has come into contact and shows their influence on his life. An effective poet.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Blakeslee, Mary. **IT'S STILL TOUGH TO BE A KID.** Richmond Hill: Scholastic-TAB Publications, 1988. 33 pp. PB $3.95 0-590-71689-1

A lively, imaginative sequel to It's tough to be a kid. This short collection of often humourous, sometimes touching poems will delight readers of all ages. Topics include friendships, mothers, witches, and a wonderful sandwich created, by a boy for his father, with cold leftover beans and a dollop of green peas.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4); MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Callaghan, Barry. **STONE BLIND LOVE.** Toronto: Exile Editions Ltd., 1988. 115 pp. PB $11.95

0-920428-81-9

This poetry book contains forty-one poems dealing with the unhappy family of the past. The last few poems deal with the death of the mother; others deal with an uncommunicative father. Many have been written with images having to do with stone and light.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Cooley, Dennis. **PERISHABLE LIGHT.** Regina: Coteau Books, 1988. 77 pp. PB $8.00 0-919926-78-9 HC $16.00 0-919926-79-7

Contemporary poet Cooley has produced a fifth poetry book which really captures the images and mood of the prairies--the heat of summer and the cold of winter. Never all serious, Cooley has fun playing with his word images.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Dawber, Diane. **OATMEAL MITTENS.** Ottawa: Borealis Press Ltd., 1987. unp. PB $7.95 0-88887-877-X HC $22.95 0-88887-875-3

A highly recommended volume of poetry for teachers of early and middle years who may require some structure in teaching the art of poetry writing. The book is divided into five sections and at the end of each is a part called "Trade Secrets", which gives the student and teacher concrete approaches, methods and ideas for writing a poem. In Trade Secrets 1, the filmstrip method for composing poetry is taught. Trade Secrets 2 describes "word hoops" and how they can be used to create new poems. As well as having these helps to assist new poets in their writing, the poems themselves are varied, sensitive and fun.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Gryn, Goldie Olszynko. **COME INTO MY ROOM.** Winnipeg: The Prairie Publishing Company, 1986. unp. PB $5.95 0-919576-15-X

This collection of short poems will delight preschoolers, as the subjects are those with which they readily identify--bathing, eating, playing, toys, household appliances, outings, weather, birds, butterflies. The poems are double spaced and take up about one quarter of the double page. The remaining three-quarters is made up of large, expressive, ink drawings by Brenda Jones. Nursery and kindergarten children would enjoy having the poems read aloud, perhaps as an introduction to a theme or story time. Primary children could read them independently.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Hillis, Rick. **THE BLUE MACHINES OF NIGHT.** (Wood mountain; 7 series) Regina: Coteau Books, 1988. 70 pp. PB $8.00 0-919926-76-2 HC $16.00 0-919926-77-0

Hillis is lamenting things about which nothing can be done--old age, time, society, family. Eventually, living things disappear and new life replaces the old. Life goes on. It doesn't care if we miss the people we love. It just goes on. It doesn't care. Over and over Hillis drives home the themes of time and change.

Highly recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Hutchins, Hazel. **BEN'S SNOW SONG : A WINTER PICNIC.** Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1987. unp. PB $4.95 0-920303-90-0 HC $12.95 0-920303-91-9

See description under **Language and Literature - Picture Books**

RING AROUND THE MOON : 200 SONGS, TONGUE TWISTERS, RIDDLES AND RHYMES FOR CHILDREN. (2nd edition, rev.) Edited by Edith Fowke and Judith Gwyn Brown. Toronto: NC Press Limited, 1987. 160 pp. PB $12.95 1-55021-006-8

The same moon face and rainbow covers this paperback version of the 1977 imprint. This particular Fowke collection, including riddles, rhymes, rounds, tongue twisters, animal songs, endless songs, charms, omens, and answer-back songs from the oral tradition of Canada, is intended for slightly older children than Sally go round the sun, and promises endless amusement. Melody lines provided; fully footnoted and indexed. Delicately and humourously illustrated by Judith Gwyn Brown in well-placed pen drawings.

Highly Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Sillers, Patricia. **RINGTAIL.** Toronto: Oxford University Press, 1987. unp. HC $12.50 0-19-540585-4

Karen Patkau's unique full-page, collage illustrations are a wonderful complement to Patricia

Sillers' poetic verse. This rhyming story tells of the adventures of Ringtail Raccoon as she makes her nighttime prowls in the big city ravine she calls home.

Read slowly, the story parallels the quietness of nature at night. It moves with a restful rhythm--
"But hunger drives her on again.
Here she goes,
poking her nose
into an empty fox's den."

Ringtail would make a nice addition to science studies and to a poetry class as well.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Tierney, Frank M. **THE LILAC TREE AND OTHER POEMS.** Ottawa: Borealis Press, 1988. 70 pp. PB $5.95 0-88887-881-8 HC $15.95 0-88887-879-6

In each of his eighty poems, Tierney appears to present, in a very personal, gentle manner, views of life from early childhood to death. While some poems have explanations as to place or circumstances, most leave the reader to mix his/her memories with those of the creator. Several poems are directly referenced to musicians such as Chopin, Dvorak and Mozart. Although some poems are dedicated to specific people, one gets the feeling that the entire collection is a dedication to life.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

MANITOBA

AN AFFAIR WITH MY CITY : SELECTED WORKS BY MAX GOLDIN. Edited by Eileen Pruden and Garfield McRae. Winnipeg: Canadian Authors Assn., Manitoba Branch, 1988. 127 pp. PB $9.95 0-9693456-0-7

See description under **Language and Literature - Fiction**

MANITOBA - GEOGRAPHY

Fleming, Mark. **CHURCHILL : POLAR BEAR CAPITAL OF THE WORLD.** Winnipeg: Hyperion Press Limited, 1988. 96 pp. PB $25.00 0-920534-74-0

Here is a picture story of Churchill with a brief history and present situation. The book contains approximately 125 excellent colour photographs of Churchill (past and present), the wildlife of the area, and the polar bears, in particular.

The book, of interest to middle years children to adult, would be a source of information for Canadian studies, history and science.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

MANITOBA - HISTORY

Buckingham, Graham. **THOMPSON : A CITY AND ITS PEOPLE.** Thompson: Thompson Historical Society, 1988. 312 pp. HC $33.00 0-88925-510-5

The Thompson Historical, Heritage and Museum Society deserves high praise for undertaking this ambitious project. Masses of information and dozens of pictures have been brought together by Graham Buckingham in a fashion that distinguishes this book from others of its kind. Its readership will go beyond Thompson, Manitoba, as the stories of courage, hardship, success, perserverance and achievement told here celebrate the power of the pioneering spirit and community effort. Well done!

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Elias, Peter Douglas. **THE DAKOTA OF THE CANADIAN NORTHWEST : LESSONS FOR SURVIVAL.** (Manitoba studies in native history; 5 series) Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press, 1988. 262 pp. HC $34.95 0-88755-142-4

See description under **Native Studies**

Friesen, Rhinehart. **A MENNONITE ODYSSEY.** Winnipeg: Hyperion Press Limited, 1988. 124 pp. PB $12.95 0-920534-72-4

A very simple, easily read, and highly informative introduction to the pioneer Mennonite culture of the early settlers of Manitoba. This short history, outlining the migrations of the Mennonite peoples including the causes for, hardships endured during, and the eventual development of their settlements in the New World is clearly related through fourteen anecdotal stories. The reader gains an insight into the Mennonite way of life with its strict religious and cultural practices, and the conflicts that occured in the new land where they sought to re-establish their fortunes. Excellent for the topic of multiculturalism in the junior high program.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Friesen, Victor Carl. **THE WINDMILL TURNING : NURSERY RHYMES, MAXIMS, AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS OF WESTERN CANADIAN MENNONITES.** Edmonton: University of Alberta Press, 1988. 139 pp. HC $24.95 0-88864-118-4

See description under **Language and Literature - Folktales and Legends**

Zeilig, Ken and Victoria Zeilig. **STE. MADELEINE : COMMUNITY WITHOUT A TOWN : METIS ELDERS IN INTERVIEW.** Winnipeg: Pemmican Publications Inc., 1987. 205 pp. PB $12.95 0-919143-45-8

The authors tell the story of a Manitoba Metis community, during the first years of the twentieth century, through interviews with former residents, a local non-Metis, and a legal expert in native issues.

The book is well illustrated with photographs and maps. It lacks an index, but this is unimportant given the format of the book.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

MULTICULTURALISM

Acosta, Joan. **COAST-TO-COAST READER.** Vancouver: Douglas & McIntyre (Educational), 1987. 63 pp. PB $6.95 0-920841-44-9

See description under **Canadian Studies - Geography**

AN AFFAIR WITH MY CITY : SELECTED WORKS BY MAX GOLDIN. Edited by Eileen Pruden and Garfield McRae. Winnipeg: Canadian Authors Assn., Manitoba Branch, 1988. 127 pp. PB $9.95 0-9693456-0-7

See description under **Language and Literature - Fiction**

Burnet, Jean R. **COMING CANADIANS : AN INTRODUCTION TO A HISTORY OF CANADA'S PEOPLES.** (Generations : a history of Canada's peoples series) Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1988. 253 pp. PB $12.95 0-7710-1783-9

See description under **Canadian Studies**

DECODING DISCRIMINATION : A STUDY USING FILM. Edited by Roger Simon, et al. London: The Althouse Press, 1988. 107 pp. PB $22.95 0-920354-21-1

This useful book provides teachers and students with a variety of lesson plans, supplementary readings, and activities centred around four Canadian films that deal with inequality and discrimination. Each film has a different focus (included are: "Ravinder", "Reflections", "Enemy Alien" and "Maria"), and the accompanying text forces students to explore and examine the issue of social discrimination in Canada.

Although this item does not contain an index, the detailed contents section should be sufficient, since the material is organized logically.

Highly recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Friesen, Rhinehart. **A MENNONITE ODYSSEY.** Winnipeg: Hyperion Press Limited, 1988. 124 pp. PB $12.95 0-920534-72-4

See description under **Manitoba - History**

Malarek, Victor. **HAVEN'S GATE : CANADA'S IMMIGRATION FIASCO.** Toronto: Macmillan of Canada, 1987. 262 pp. HC $24.95 0-7715-9497-6

See description under **Social Studies - Contemporary**

Munsch, Robert and Michael Kusugak. **A PROMISE IS A PROMISE.** Toronto: Annick Press Ltd., 1988. unp. PB $4.95 1-55037-008-1 HC $12.95 1-55037-009-X

See description under **Language and Literature - Picture Books**

NATIVE STUDIES

Donkin, John George. **TROOPER IN THE FAR NORTH-WEST.** Saskatoon: Western Producer Prairie Books, 1987. 289 pp. PB $14.95 0-88833-246-7

See description under **Canadian Studies - Biography**

Elias, Peter Douglas. **THE DAKOTA OF THE CANADIAN NORTHWEST : LESSONS FOR SURVIVAL.** (Manitoba studies in native history; 5 series) Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press, 1988. 262 pp. HC $34.95 0-88755-142-4

An excellent resource text, for high school students and possibly junior high school teachers, that clearly illustrates how ethnocentric practices and prejudice created economic hardships for the Indian peoples settling in Manitoba in the late 1800's. This book clearly recounts the often insurmountable difficulties encountered in making the change from the traditional native life-styles to one of the European farmer. In addition, the book demonstrates the role of ethnocentrism, prejudice, and outright discimination by the white governmental bureaucracy in creating many of these difficulties.

Highly recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

NATIVE PEOPLES : THE CANADIAN EXPERIENCE. Edited by B.R. Morrison and C.R. Wilson. Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1986. 542 pp. HC $29.95 0-7710-6510-8

This book describes the major aboriginal groups found throughout Canada from the earliest times to the present. It provides information on the origins, the traditions, and the present situation of these groups. Over and above, Native peoples contains extensive lists of additional information making it a valuable reference tool for teachers and students.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Vandall, Peter. **WASKAHIKANIWIYINIW-ACIMOWINA--STORIES OF THE HOUSE PEOPLE.** (Publications of the Algonquian Text Society series) Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press, 1987. 240 pp. HC $24.95 0-88755-133-5

This collection of ten acimowina (factual) stories, told by two Elders of Plains Cree bands near Carleton, Saskatchewan, was recorded at the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural College, Sasaktoon, 1982. An exact written record was produced to provide material for Cree speakers and students of Cree, and also authentic examples of Cree literature. Section 1 presents the stories in Cree syllabics. Section 2 repeats them with Cree in Roman orthography on one side and English on the other, followed by explanatory notes and an extensive glossary (approximately one half of the book). Binding and layout are excellent. The stories are varied. Four discuss the meaning of being Cree, (comparing past and present) three are funny, two autobiographical, and the last is pure acimowina--an account of a trapper losing an eye. Simple, direct, and remarkably effective, they view life and history from a native perspective.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Zeilig, Ken and Victoria Zeilig. **STE. MADELEINE : COMMUNITY WITHOUT A TOWN : METIS ELDERS IN INTERVIEW.** Winnipeg: Pemmican Publications Inc., 1987. 205 pp. PB $12.95 0-919143-45-8

See description under **Manitoba - History**

NATIVE STUDIES - LEGENDS

TYENDINAGA TALES. Edited by Rona Nicholson Rustige. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 1988. 92 pp. HC $15.95 0-7735-0650-0

Residents of Tyendinaga Reserve, (Bay of Quinte) Ontario are almost completely assimilated and few remember the Mohawk language or folklore. Rona Rustige, curator of Murney Tower Museum in Kingston, made a determined effort to collect stories that still remain. Told to her in English, these creations, pourquoi and animal myths contain clearly recognizable elements of European folklore, and provide interesting contrast to those of less assimilated native peoples. Traditional illustrations, by a Mohawk artist from Tyendinaga, are effective. There is an excellent introduction to the collection as well as a bibliography.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Szczawinski, Adam F. **EDIBLE GARDEN WEEDS OF CANADA.** (Canada's edible wild plants: no. 1 series) Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd., 1988. 184 pp. PB $16.95 0-88902-752-8

See description under **Science - Nature Study**

Turner, Nancy J. **EDIBLE WILD FRUITS AND NUTS OF CANADA.** (Canada's edible wild plants: no. 3 series) Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd., 1988. 212 pp. PB $16.95 0-88902-751-X

See description under **Science - Nature Study**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DECODING DISCRIMINATION : A STUDY USING FILM. Edited by Roger Simon, et al. London: The Althouse Press, 1988. 107 pp. PB $22.95 0-920354-21-1

See description under **Multiculturalism**

Frye, Northrop. **ON EDUCATION.** Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd., 1988. 211 pp. HC $24.95 0-472-10106-4

Internationally renowned, literary academic, Northrop Frye shares the fruits of a lifetime of disciplined sensitivity in this collection of essays and lectures.

"Individuality" is his concern, that "condition of freedom" which is "never achieved without some genuine form of education". His focus is literary education, in which the teacher aims "to teach the ability to be aware of one's imaginative social vision, and so to escape the prison of unconscious social conditioning".

A strong sense of direction and interesting examples provide the warmth and charm necessary to sustain the reader through the lofty terrain.

Highly recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Miller, John P. **THE HOLISTIC CURRICULUM.** (Research in education; 17 series) Toronto: OISE Press, 1988. 140 pp. PB $22.75 0-7744-0320-9

Can our teaching have relevance for our students in this age of innumerable problems on a global scale?

The author puts forth the idea that at the root of our difficulties is our tendency to compartmentalize and fragment life. The book explores the background, the philosophy and some models of a holistic education of relationships and connectedness.

The section on practise of holistic education draws from a wide variety of sources and offers many suggestions for involving the whole person--body, mind, emotion and spirit--in educational experiences.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4); MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Moghadam, H. **ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER : HYPERACTIVITY REVISITED.** Calgary: Detselig Enterprises Ltd., 1988. 101 pp. PB $11.95 0-920490-78-6

The author has provided a concise source of information on attention deficit disorder and the various perspectives and approaches to [illegible]ment. The book is very readable for the intend[illegible] studie[illegible] --teachers and parents of hyperactive c[illegible]dr[illegible] offering an introduction to the diagnosis and treatment as well as the surrounding issues for the family and school. The use of stimulant therapy is the writer's preferred therapy; however, the controversies surrounding it are dealt with as well.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4); MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Schwartz, Susan. **ALL WRITE! : A TEACHER'S GUIDE TO WRITING, GRADES K TO 6.** (Curriculum; 55 series) Toronto: Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, 1987. 104 pp. PB $16.00 0-77440315-2

This is a manual for creative writing which is based on the modern approach of an ongoing program of writing daily. It covers equipment, the use and organization of writing folders, ideas to start the students off, oral sharing of rough drafts with fellow students, conferences with the teacher, motivational suggestions, various types of books which students can consider making, and techniques for publishing books in the classroom. The last two chapters deal with evaluation and analysis by the teacher and by the students themselves. Teachers wishing to set up such a program in their classrooms will find it invaluable, and those already using this approach will find new ideas to incorporate into the existing program.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4); MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Weeren, Donald J. **EDUCATING RELIGIOUSLY IN THE MULTI-FAITH SCHOOL.** Calgary: Detselig Enterprises Ltd., 1986. 103 pp. PB $10.95 0-920490-59-X

A school committed to the all-around development of students must assist them to acquire a sense of the fundamental value and purpose of living. To engage in this task is to educate religiously; that is, to help students understand and appreciate what they and others believe. Canadian case studies depict three principle modes of educating religiously--through the secular curriculum (eg., a Biblical literature course, world religions as a component

of social studies); through religious observances; through religion courses. Although all are not applicable to all schools due to the varying provincial education laws, many suggestions could be modified to suit various circumstances.

The principle advanced here is worthy of consideration by all who teach in our culturally diverse nation.

Recommended with Reservations
TEACHER REFERENCE

REFERENCE

THE CANADIAN WRITER'S GUIDE : OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE CANADIAN AUTHORS ASSOCIATION (10th edition) Edited by Fred Kerner. Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd., 1988. 477 pp. PB $19.95 0-88902-000-0

This official handbook of the Canadian Authors Association deals out generous proportions of advice to hungry, novice writers. There are articles on techniques of writing, how to organize the work, how to set goals, how to market one's work, as well as an index to periodicals by type of writing, literary prizes available and much more. A necessary tool for every Canadian writer.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

DICTIONARY FOR YOUNG CANADIANS. Toronto: Globe/Modern Curriculum Press, 1988. 1094 pp. HC $18.95 0-88996-128-X

Entry words and guide words are in heavy black type making them easier to follow. Abbreviations and contractions are listed alphabetically exactly how they are spelled. Common suffixes such as -ion are listed as main entries. Inflected forms of root words are spelled at the end of the definition. Entry words are divided into syllables with the accented syllable marked. There is a pronunciation key at the bottom of every second page. The part-of-speech for every word is listed. Canadianisms and Canadian words are acknowledged by using a maple leaf. The print is smallish but clear and easily readable. Compares favourably with the Gage Canadian Dictionary.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Duquet, Denis. **AUTO GUIDE 88.** Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd., 1988. 383 pp. PB $19.95 0-88902-869-9

An excellent guide to shopping for a new car, pickup or 4 x 4. Information is accurate, clearly presented, and organized for quick reference. This is a good reference book for library and auto shop.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

FUNK & WAGNALLS CANADIAN COLLEGE DICTIONARY (revised edition) Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 1988. 1590 pp. PB $19.95 0-88902-347-6 HC $29.95 0-88902-923-7

This 18 x 24 cm paperback edition combines legibility and inclusiveness. The body of the work includes biographical and historical entries, more Canadian terms than any other dictionary; and, importantly, Canadian pronunciations which do vary considerably from other English standards.

Special features include the 1982 Charter of Rights, Canadian universities and community colleges, Canadian census figures, Fathers of Confederation, Governors General, Prime Ministers of Canada, and a listing of all Federal cabinet portfolios and principal responsibilities. Though this dictionary is an adaptation of an American one, it is the most Canadian one available. Useful for all levels, including elementary where it will serve as reference for the occasional obscurity.

Highly Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4); MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

NELSON CANADIAN ATLAS. Matthews, Geoffrey J. (cartographer). Scarborough: Nelson Canada, 1988. 96 pp. PB $11.95 0-17-602672-X

Beginning with basic lessons on using an atlas, this compendium of Canadian maps includes eighteen thematic double-page spreads, containing themes such as farming, forestry and manufacturing. Four pages of growth maps are chronologically arranged to portray changes in boundaries from 1825 to 1977. Individual double-page maps of provinces are clear and uncluttered, showing main highways, main railways and major cities and towns. The glossary and place name index are most useful.

Highly recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4); MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

YOUNG CANADA THESAURUS. Scarborough: Nelson Canada, 1988. 553 pp. PB $11.95 0-17-602327-5

See description under Language and literature - Language Arts (Teaching)

SCIENCE

Bourgeois, Paulette. **THE AMAZING APPLE BOOK.** Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd., 1987. 63 pp. PB $8.95 0-921103-42-5

This title will work well with a number of school themes. Including information on the science, technology, history, legends and folklore surrounding the apple as well as related crafts, games, recipes and idioms, this book has broad appeal as well as being an excellent source of reference material. Indexed. Illustrated in black and white.

A 1987 Notable Canadian Non-Fiction for Children book.

Highly Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4); MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

SCIENCE - BIOLOGY

BIRDWISE. Written by Pamela M. Hickman for the Federation of Ontario Naturalists. Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd., 1988. 96 pp. PB $9.95 0-921103-58-1 HC $19.95 0-921103-66-2

A superb book full of bird facts, lore and activities. Black and white drawings enhance every page illustrating topics ranging from nest watching, sketching, making feeders, how birds keep warm, migration, how to begin birdwatching and much, much more. A must buy.

Highly Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4); MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Roots, Clive. **ANIMALS OF THE DARK : NATURE STORIES FOR CHILDREN.** (Wilderness album series) Winnipeg: Hyperion Press Limited, 1988. 40 pp. PB $4.95 0-920534-86-4

Nineteen animals which spend much of their time in the dark are highlighted in this colouring book. Permission is given for teachers to photocopy the animals for classroom use which is a bonus for schools and students. Stories are brief, interesting and accurate. Having a fictionalized story beside a facts-in-brief is an odd mixture; however, these books may be useful for teachers to promote understanding of certain animals and their habits.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Roots, Clive. **TROPICAL BIRDS OF THE WORLD : NATURE STORIES FOR CHILDREN.** (Wilderness album series) Winnipeg: Hyperion Press Limited, 1988. 40 pp. PB $4.95 0-920534-82-1

Nineteen tropical birds of the world are written about in separate, one-page, fictionalized stories followed by a short facts-in-brief section. A pronunciation key beside the title of the animal would help in the pronunciation of certain birds such as Wattled Jacana, Guanay Cormorant, or Queleas. Permission is given for teachers to photocopy full-page line drawings of the birds so that students may colour them. Stories are brief, interesting and accurate.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Roots, Clive. **VENOMOUS ANIMALS OF THE WORLD : NATURE STORIES FOR CHILDREN.** (Wilderness album series) Winnipeg: Hyperion Press Limited, 1988. 40 pp. PB $4.95 0-92054-34-88-0

Nineteen venomous animals of the world are highlighted in separate, one-page, fictionalized stories followed by a short facts-in-brief section. One of a series of nature story colouring books that may be useful for teachers to introduce and promote discussion, this book writes about the stingray, the Indian cobra, the hila monster and more. Teachers have been given permission to photocopy line drawings of animals for classroom use.

Recommended
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Suzuki, David and Peter Knudtson. **GENETHICS : THE ETHICS OF ENGINEERING LIFE.** Toronto: Stoddart Publishing Co. Limited, 1988. 384 pp. HC $28.95 0-7737-2152-5

Genethics is a humanistic approach to the development of the laws that govern heredity and the origin of life and human values. The first five chapters are a technical review of the basic principles of modern genetics. The remainder of the book is a series of case studies and ethical themes in genetics concerning issues that include genetic screening, gene therapy, biological weapons, environmental damage to DNA, crossing evolutionary boundaries, genetic diversity and genetic maps.

The principles developed are the author's point of view that is believed to represent the point of view of many scientists and non-scientists.

The book is adequately illustrated with figures and tables. It might be used as a reference for Biology 200 or 300.

Recommended with Reservations
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Wrigley, Robert E. **MAMMALS IN NORTH AMERICA.** Winnipeg: Hyperion Press Limited, 1986. 360 pp. HC $19.95 0-920534-33-3

One hundred and fifteen different North American mammals are covered in interesting, one-page, fictionalized stories. On each animal there is a short facts-in-brief section giving interesting information.

There are 98 beautiful colour illustrations (oil) on each animal, done by Canadian artist Dwayne Harty. Having a fictionalized story beside a facts-in-brief is an odd combination. Many animals for which information is hard to obtain can be found here. This book also contains biome maps, distribution maps for each animal, a North American mammals checklist, and an additional reading list.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

SCIENCE - NATURE STUDY

Dickinson, Terence. **EXPLORING THE SKY BY DAY : THE EQUINOX GUIDE TO WEATHER AND THE ATMOSPHERE.** Camden East: Camden House Publishing, 1988. 72 pp. PB $9.95 0-920656-71-4 HC $15.95 0-920656-73-0

The book deals with clouds, storms, the sun, the moon, winds and the different forms of precipitation. A most striking feature of the book is the excellent photographs and drawings (in colour). The book concludes with a description of the techniques and instruments of weather forecasting. This would be an excellent reference book for middle years science students at the junior high level.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Fleming, Mark. **CHURCHILL : POLAR BEAR CAPITAL OF THE WORLD.** Winnipeg: Hyperion Press Limited, 1988. 96 pp. PB $25.00 0-920534-74-0

See description under **Manitoba - Geography**

Monton, Sofia. **JAY'S ANIMALS AND PEOPLE.** Norwood, ON: S. Monton, 1984. 51 pp. HC $14.35 0-9691764-0-6

See description under **Language and Literature - Picture Books**

Roots, Clive. **ENDANGERED SPECIES : CANADA'S DISAPPEARING WILDLIFE.** Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd., 1987. 89 pp. HC $22.50 0-88902-972-5

The Director of Winnipeg's Assiniboine Park Zoo provides a testimony to the creatures--birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles and fish--that once were so abundant and a warning of the peril facing those that have survived the onslaught of hunting, chemicals, and habitat destruction. The black and white drawings of biological illustrator Godkin add immeasurably to the reader's awareness and understanding of the plight of "Canada's Disappearing Wildlife".

Highly recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Roots, Clive. **EXTINCT ANIMALS OF THE WORLD : NATURE STORIES FOR CHILDREN.** (Wilderness album series) Winnipeg: Hyperion Press Limited, 1988. 40 pp. PB $4.95 0-920534-68-6

One of a series of nature stories, the colouring book is useful for teachers to promote discussion on extinct animals. Although the one-page stories on each animal are fictionalized, the reasons why the animals perished are not. At the end of every story is a facts-in-brief which outlines important information on each animal. The page opposite the description is a line drawing of the animal which the reader may colour. A pronunciation key beside the title of the animal would be a definite improvement. On page 26 there is an error where it is wrongly implied that rats and domestic cats were imported to kill the rabbits. The cats were imported to kill the rats not rabbits. There is no index or glossary. Stories are brief, interesting, and historically correct; however, the colouring book format is a drawback for libraries.

Recommended with Reservations
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Roots, Clive. **VANISHING ANIMALS OF THE WORLD : NATURE STORIES FOR CHILDREN.** (Wilderness album

series) Winnipeg: Hyperion Press Limited, 1988. 40 pp. PB $4.95 0-920534-66-X

One of a series of nature stories, this colouring book may be used by teachers to promote discussion on vanishing animals. Although the one-page stories are fictionalized, the reasons why the animals are endangered are not. At the end of every story is a facts-in-brief which outlines important information on each animal. The page opposite the description is a line drawing of the animal which the reader may colour. A pronunciation key beside the title of the animal would be a definite improvement. Stories are brief, interesting and accurate. There is no index or glossary. The colouring book format is a drawback to school library purchase.

Recommended with Reservations
EARLY YEARS (K-4)

Sadler, Doug. **READING NATURE'S CLUES : A GUIDE TO THE WILD.** Peterborough: Broadview Press, 1987. 245 pp. PB $17.95 0-921149-15-8

Nature lovers wishing to gain a greater understanding of how plants and animals interact with their environment in north-eastern North America will appreciate the common sense approach taken in this book. The reader will come to understand the interrelationship of nature. The book contains an introduction, contents page, extensive index, and a list of sources. Its many well-placed excerpts of writings from famous historical people add richness to the text. Illustrations, some line drawings, many servicable black and white photographs, and a few first-rate colour photographs greatly add to the book's appeal. Douglas Sadler, a gifted naturalist, achieves his goal of "appreciation based on understanding" making this book an enjoyable read.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Suzuki, David T. **LOOKING AT WEATHER.** Toronto: Stoddart Publishing Co. Limited, 1988. 96 pp. PB $9.95 0-7737-5141-6

Highlights many important weather phenomena, but should not be considered an all-inclusive book on the topic. Simple but practical experiments follow brief explanations emphasizing and demonstrating important weather facts. This book will be especially valued by any student seeking experiments to demonstrate weather principles for science fair projects. A symbol of a hand in a circle is used as a warning sign signifying that an adult should help. Black and white line drawings are numerous and add to the text. An extensive index allows the reader quick access to sought after information. A must for any elementary library.

Highly recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Szczawinski, Adam F. **EDIBLE GARDEN WEEDS OF CANADA.** (Canada's edible wild plants: no. 1 series) Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd., 1988. 184 pp. PB $16.95 0-88902-752-8

The book includes an introduction which defines weeds, gives some background information and also explains the use of the book.

The main section of the book deals alphabetically with weeds under the headings "Other Names", "How to Recognize", "Where to Find", "How to Use", followed by several suggested recipes and "More for Your Interest". The appendix includes "Some Weeds You Should Avoid", a glossary and an index.

The book has a few coloured photographs but it could be improved by including more.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Turner, Nancy J. **EDIBLE WILD FRUITS AND NUTS OF CANADA.** (Canada's edible wild plants: no. 3 series) Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd., 1988. 212 pp. PB $16.95 0-88902-751-X

This is volume 3 of a 4 volume series. The introduction deals with definitions, values, methods of gathering, and cautionary advice. The main section of the book deals with edible wild fruits and nuts under the following headings "Other Names", "How to Recognize", "Where to Find", "How to Use", "Warning", "Suggested Recipes" and "More for Your Interest". There are some colour photographs but identification would be aided with more of these. A glossary, a bibliography and an index complete the book.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

SOCIAL STUDIES

Mackay, Claire. **PAY CHEQUES AND PICKET LINES : ALL ABOUT UNIONS IN CANADA.** Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd., 1987. 104 pp. PB $12.95 0-921103-34-4 HC $19.95 0-921103-32-8

See description under **Canadian Studies**

Parry, Caroline. **LET'S CELEBRATE! : CANADA'S**

SPECIAL DAYS. Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd., 1987. 256 pp. PB $14.95 0-921103-40-9 HC $24.95 0-921103-38-7

See description under **Canadian Studies**

Tottle, Douglas. **FRAUD, FAMINE AND FASCISM : THE UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE MYTH FROM HITLER TO HARVARD.** Toronto: Progress Books, 1987. 167 pp. PB $12.95 0-919396-51-8

The issue of a deliberate attempt by the Soviet Union to create a famine in 1932-33 to starve to death the people of the Ukraine is examined in this book. The author presents the argument that the famine story was exaggerated by Nazis and fascists to discredit communism. This book would be of interest to students of world problems who may be studying the issue. It presents one side of an issue that, so far, has not been proved or disproved.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

SOCAL STUDIES - CONTEMPORARY

Malarek, Victor. **HAVEN'S GATE : CANADA'S IMMIGRATION FIASCO.** Toronto: Macmillan of Canada, 1987. 262 pp. HC $24.95 0-7715-9497-6

Victor Malarek, a senior reporter for the Toronto Globe and Mail, provides a useful review and criticism of Canada's immigration policy. In a well-organized, lively style he discusses the history of Canada's immigration program and provides probing insights into the operation of and problems facing immigration officials in the 1980's.

The author raises difficult questions. Does Canada need more immigrants? Why have thousands of illegal immigrants been allowed to stay in Canada? Does racism and public hostility to immigration exist in Canada? The book does not provide answers, but exposes the complex issues surrounding immigration.

Malarek's book is a useful source for students and teachers in Canadian studies or history courses at the high school level.

Highly recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Nelson, Joyce. **THE PERFECT MACHINE : TV IN THE NUCLEAR AGE.** Toronto: Between the Lines, 1987. 187 pp. PB $12.95 0-919946-85-2 HC $29.95 0-919946-84-4

The author, Joyce Nelson, provides a critical account of the development and exploitation of the medium of television since the 1940's. Concentrating on the areas of nuclear weapons, advertising, and the spread of American culture. Her tone throughout the book is critical and caustic as she deplores North American society's obsession with technological change rather than with human issues. Well researched and well organized the book falls into three sections--TV and the bomb, TV programming, and the global impact of television.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Sawatsky, John. **THE INSIDERS : GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AND THE LOBBYISTS.** Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1987. 358 pp. HC $24.95 0-7710-7949-4

See description under **Canadian Studies - History**

SO THIS IS AFRICA! Anecdotes by Betty Kilgour. Calgary: Detselig Enterprises Ltd., 1987. 120 pp. PB $10.95 0-920490-73-5

The author's experiences in Tanzania working with CUSO are related in an anecdotal style reminiscent of Erma Bombeck. Black and white photographs and cartoon illustrations enhance the account. Giving a clear picture of African life, this book could be used to expose students to ancedotes and to dispel myths about the "Dark Continent".

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

SOCIAL STUDIES - WORLD ISSUES

Pausewang, Gudrun. **THE LAST CHILDREN OF SCHEVENBORN.** Translation of "Die letzten Kinder van Schewenborn" (Norman H. Watt, translator) Saskatoon: Western Producer Prairie Books, 1988. 117 pp. PB $9.95 0-88833-236-X

See description under **Language and Literature - Fiction**

SPORTS

Bourgeois, Paulette. **ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...** Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd., 1987. 93 pp. PB $9.95 0-921103-21-2

The Olympic events--both summer and winter--are presented in an informative and easy-to-read manner. Highlighting Canadian athletes, the book contains good illustrations; a wealth of trivia; information on training, records and athletes; and lots of general information.

A 1987 Notable Canadian Non-Fiction for Children book.

Highly Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Cosentino, Frank. **WINTER GOLD.** Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Limited, 1987. 112 pp. PB $9.95 0-88902-893-1

After a brief history of how the Winter Olympics began, Winter Gold describes Canada's medal winners in each Winter Olympics from 1920-1984. It accurately describes some of the organizational problems of the 1988 Calgary Olympics but unfortunately stops there and does not highlight medal winners. The somewhat rambling writing style is sprinkled liberally with interesting black and white photographs. Sylvia Burka's misspelled name on page 101, and no index, should not detract greatly from this book's appeal. Suitable for sport buffs or for someone doing research on the Winter Olympics, this book will be well used. At the end there are four tables that list Olympic statistics from a Canadian perspective.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Geddes, Bruce. **BRIAN ORSER.** (Canadian lives series) Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Limited, 1988. 48 pp. PB $6.95 0-88902-863-X

This brief biography on Canadian Brian Orser, World Figure Skating Champion, deals mostly with Brian's accomplishment, not his skating technique. Adequate black and white, and colour photographs are liberally sprinkled throughout. The reader gains a real feeling of Brian's determination, dedication and drive needed to achieve success as a world champion. Brian's friendships, feelings and thoughts are only touched upon. Readers interested in figure skating or Brian Orser will enjoy this simple well organized biography.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

HOW SPORT WORKS : AN ONTARIO SCIENCE CENTRE BOOK. Toronto: Kids Can Press Ltd., 1988. 96 pp. PB $9.95 0-921103-56-5 HC $19.95 0-921103-64-6

Not only a great book for physical education but also classroom science, this easy-to-read book presents a wide spectrum of excellent practical experiments and activities. A must buy.

Highly Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8)

Metcalfe, Alan. **CANADA LEARNS TO PLAY : THE EMERGENCE OF ORGANIZED SPORT, 1807-1914.** (Canadian social history series) Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1987. 243 pp. PB $15.95 0-7710-5870-5

This book shows how sport reflects the society that supports it and the people who participate in it. It covers the controversies of amateurism and professionalism in the early days. The book is weak on proving that the anglophone upper class in Montreal and Toronto gave the impetus toward organized sport. There is a good treatment of lacrosse.

Recommended
SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

Podborski, Steve. **SKIER'S SOURCE BOOK.** Toronto: Macmillan of Canada, 1988. 276 pp. PB $14.95 0-7715-9909-9

This is an interesting book on skiing. Its major fault is that it attempts to cover the whole topic from history, through ski wear, ski equipment training, ski trip planning, to ski books and everything in between.

The book is written from the viewpoint of a professional ski racer. The information given often assumes that the reader is of similar calibre. The book makes worthwhile reading for anyone who wants to get a broad picture of the entire topic.

Recommended
MIDDLE YEARS (5-8); SENIOR YEARS (9-12)

WOMEN'S STUDIES

Dyba, Kenneth. **BETTY MITCHELL.** Calgary: Detselig Enterprises Ltd., 1986. 186 pp. HC $19.95 0-920490-63-8

See description under **Language and Literature - Drama**

Knowles, Valerie. **FIRST PERSON : A BIOGRAPHY OF CAIRINE WILSON, CANADA'S FIRST WOMAN SENATOR.** Toronto: Dundurn Press Limited, 1988. 304 pp. PB $14.95 1-55002-030-7 HC $24.95 1-55002-029-3

See description under **Canadian Studies - Biography**

Kostash, Myrna. **NO KIDDING : INSIDE THE WORLD OF TEENAGE GIRLS.** Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1987. 319 pp. HC $24.95 0-7710-4539-5

Through interviews with Canadian teenage girls, the author presents a collage of their opinions, anecdotes of their experiences, smatterings of statistics and results of studies, and many of her own conclusions and biases.

This could be of use to guidance counsellors, teachers and/or parents. It gives, in a blunt, not particularly scholarly manner, a largely negative view of today's young females' lives.

A confusing bibliography is included but no index. The text is liberally sprinkled with coarse language.

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